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AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16a-4c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [(a) On or before January 1, 2014, and at least every twenty years
4 thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
5 within available appropriations, and in consultation with regional
6 planning organizations, as defined in section 4-124i, the Connecticut
7 Conference of Municipalities, the Connecticut Council of Small Towns
8 and the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to planning and development, shall conduct an analysis of the
11 boundaries of logical planning regions designated or redesignated
12 under section 16a-4a. As part of such analysis, the secretary shall
13 evaluate opportunities for coordinated planning and the regional
14 delivery of state and local services. Such analysis shall include, but not
15 be limited to, an evaluation of (1) economic regions, including regional
16 economic development districts established pursuant to chapter 588ff;

17 (2) comprehensive economic development strategies developed by
18 such regional economic development districts; (3) labor market areas
19 and workforce investment regions; (4) natural boundaries, including
20 watersheds, coastlines, ecosystems and habitats; (5) relationships
21 between urban, suburban and rural areas, including central cities and
22 areas outside of the state; (6) census and other demographic
23 information; (7) political boundaries, including municipal boundaries
24 and congressional, senate and assembly districts; (8) transportation
25 corridors, connectivity and boundaries, including the boundaries of
26 metropolitan planning agencies; (9) current federal, state and
27 municipal service delivery regions, including, but not limited to,
28 regions established to provide emergency, health, transportation or
29 human services; and (10) the current capacity of each regional
30 planning organization to deliver diverse state and local services. Such
31 analysis shall also establish a minimum size for logical planning areas
32 that takes into consideration the number of municipalities, total
33 population, total square mileage and whether the proposed planning
34 region will have the capacity to successfully deliver necessary regional
35 services. The secretary may enter into such contractual agreements as
36 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

37 (b) Any two or more contiguous planning regions that contain a
38 total of fourteen or more municipalities and voluntarily consolidate to
39 form a single regional council of governments or regional council of
40 elected officials shall be exempt from redesignation pursuant to
41 subsection (a) of this section, provided the Secretary of the Office of
42 Policy and Management formally redesignates such planning regions
43 prior to January 1, 2014. The secretary may, in his or her discretion,
44 waive the requirement that such redesignated planning region contain
45 a total of fourteen or more municipalities.

46 (c) (1) The secretary shall, not later than January 1, 2014, notify the
47 chief executive officer of each municipality located in a planning
48 region in which the boundaries are proposed for redesignation. If the
49 legislative body of the municipality objects to such proposed

50 redesignation, the chief executive officer of the municipality may, not
51 later than thirty days after the date of receipt of the notice of
52 redesignation, petition the secretary to attend a meeting of such
53 legislative body. The petition shall specify the location, date and time
54 of the meeting. The meeting shall be held not later than sixty days after
55 the date of the petition. The secretary shall make a reasonable attempt
56 to appear at the meeting, or at a meeting on another date within the
57 sixty-day period. If the secretary is unable to attend a meeting within
58 the sixty-day period, the secretary and the chief executive officer of the
59 municipality shall jointly schedule a date and time for the meeting,
60 provided such meeting shall be held not later than two hundred ten
61 days after the date of the notice to the chief executive officer. At such
62 meeting, the legislative body of the municipality shall inform the
63 secretary of the objections to the proposed redesignation of the
64 planning area boundaries. The secretary shall consider fully the oral
65 and written objections of the legislative body and may redesignate the
66 boundaries. Not later than sixty days after the date of the meeting, the
67 secretary shall notify the chief executive officer of the determination
68 concerning the proposed redesignation. The notice of determination
69 shall include the reasons for such determination. As used in this
70 subsection, "municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town
71 and borough; "legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town
72 council, city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
73 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a
74 municipality; and "secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of
75 Policy and Management or the designee of the secretary.

76 (2) Any revision to the boundaries of a planning area, based on the
77 analysis completed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or due to
78 a modification by the secretary in accordance with this subsection,
79 shall be effective on January 1, 2015.]

80 (a) On or before January 1, 2015, any regional planning agency
81 created pursuant to sections 8-31a to 8-37a, inclusive, and any regional
82 council of elected officials, as defined in subdivision (2) of section 4-

83 124i, as amended by this act, shall be restructured to form a regional
84 council of governments as provided in section 4-124j, as amended by
85 this act, and the boundaries of planning regions designated pursuant
86 to section 16a-4a, as amended by this act, shall conform to the
87 boundaries of the eight Connecticut counties constituted pursuant to
88 section 6-1, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this
89 section.

90 (b) On or before July 1, 2014, the legislative body of any town
91 bordering a county line may determine the adjacent region of which to
92 become a member.

93 (c) On or before January 1, 2015, any two or more counties may
94 voluntarily consolidate to form a single regional council of
95 governments.

96 (d) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in
97 any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision
98 of the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or
99 program made available to counties by any other governmental or
100 private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public
101 act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement
102 with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to
103 provide, alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service,
104 activity or undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by
105 law to perform. A regional council of governments established
106 pursuant to this section may administer and provide regional services
107 to municipalities and may delegate such authority to subregional
108 groups of such municipalities. Regional services provided to member
109 municipalities shall be determined by each regional council of
110 governments and may include, without limitation, the following
111 services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning; (3) economic
112 development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency management; (6) animal
113 control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism promotion; (9) social;
114 (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management; (13) regional

115 sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16) household
116 hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility siting;
117 (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and
118 development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23)
119 regional resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25)
120 transportation.

121 Sec. 2. Section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the
122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

123 There is established an account to be known as the "regional
124 performance incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
125 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
126 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
127 account shall be expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
128 Management for the purposes of (1) providing grants under the
129 regional performance incentive program established pursuant to
130 section 4-124s, and (2) providing funding to [the Voluntary Regional
131 Consolidation Bonus Pool established pursuant to subsection (b) of
132 section 4-124q] newly formed regional councils of governments for
133 direct transactional costs associated with such formation as required
134 by section 16a-4c, as amended by this act.

135 Sec. 3. Section 4-124q of the general statutes is repealed and the
136 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

137 [(a)] There shall annually be paid to each [regional planning agency
138 organized under the provisions of chapter 127, each] regional council
139 of governments organized under the provisions of this chapter [, and
140 each regional council of elected officials organized under the
141 provisions of this chapter in any planning region without a regional
142 planning agency, from any appropriation for such purpose,] a grant-
143 in-aid equal to [(1) five and three-tenths per cent of any such
144 appropriation plus (2) for each agency or council which raises local
145 dues in excess of five and three-tenths per cent of any such

146 appropriation, an additional grant in an amount equal to the product
147 obtained by multiplying any appropriation available for the purpose of
148 this subdivision by the following fraction: The amount of dues raised
149 by such agency or council pursuant to section 8-34a, section 4-124f or
150 section 4-124p in excess of five and three-tenths of any such
151 appropriation shall be the numerator. The amount of such dues raised
152 by each such agency or council in excess of five and three-tenths per
153 cent of any such appropriation shall be added together and the sum
154 shall be the denominator] two hundred thousand dollars plus one
155 dollar per capita.

156 [(b) There is established a Voluntary Regional Consolidation Bonus
157 Pool to be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
158 Management and funded by moneys received from the regional
159 performance incentive account established in section 4-66k. In addition
160 to the annual payment to each regional planning agency under
161 subsection (a) of this section, there shall be an additional payment
162 made from said bonus pool to any two or more regional planning
163 agencies, regional councils of governments or regional council of
164 elected officials in any planning region without a regional planning
165 agency, or any such combination thereof, that have (1) voted to merge
166 forming a new regional council of governments or regional council of
167 elected officials within a proposed or newly redesignated planning
168 region boundary, and (2) submitted to said secretary a request for
169 redesignation pursuant to subdivision (4) of section 16a-4a. Payments
170 from said bonus pool shall be made to offset any and all reasonable
171 costs, as determined by the secretary, associated with any such
172 voluntary consolidation. Prior to issuing any payment pursuant to this
173 subsection, the secretary shall review and approve each proposed
174 consolidation to determine that such proposed consolidation is an
175 appropriate and sustainable redesignated planning region. For the
176 fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, a payment shall be
177 made under this subsection to any such approved consolidated
178 planning region on a first-come, first-served basis. For the fiscal years

179 ending June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, the secretary
180 shall make a supplemental payment from said bonus pool, within
181 available appropriations, to any regional council of governments or
182 regional council of elected officials that is created in one of said fiscal
183 years by consolidating two or more regional councils of governments,
184 regional councils of elected officials or regional planning agencies,
185 provided such consolidated regional council of governments or
186 regional council of elected officials contains a combined total of
187 fourteen or more municipalities. Such supplemental payment shall be
188 equal to fifty per cent of the payment made pursuant to this subsection
189 to offset the reasonable costs of voluntary consolidation. The secretary
190 may waive the requirement that a consolidated regional council of
191 governments or regional council of elected officials contain a combined
192 total of fourteen or more municipalities.]

193 Sec. 4. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the
194 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

195 (a) For purposes of this section:

196 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
197 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive,
198 as amended by this act;

199 [(2) "Regional council of elected officials" means any such council
200 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive;

201 (3) "Regional planning agency" means an agency defined in chapter
202 127;]

203 [(4)] (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and
204 borough;

205 [(5)] (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town
206 council, city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
207 representatives or board of the mayor and burgesses of a municipality;

208 and

209 [(6)] (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
210 Management or the designee of the secretary.

211 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
212 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
213 Management. On or before December 1, 2011, any [regional planning
214 agency, any regional council of elected officials, any] regional council
215 of governments, any two or more municipalities, any economic
216 development district or any combination thereof, may submit to said
217 secretary a proposal for joint provision of a service or services that are
218 currently provided by municipalities within the region of such [agency
219 or] council or contiguous thereto, but not currently provided on a
220 regional basis. On or before December 31, 2011, and annually
221 thereafter, any such entity may submit a proposal to the secretary for:
222 (1) The joint provision of any service that one or more participating
223 municipalities of such council [or agency] currently provide but which
224 is not provided on a regional basis, or (2) a planning study regarding
225 the joint provision of any service on a regional basis. A copy of said
226 proposal shall be sent to the legislators representing said participating
227 municipalities.

228 (c) (1) An entity specified in subsection (a) of this section shall
229 submit each proposal in the form and manner the secretary prescribes
230 and shall, at a minimum, provide the following information for each
231 proposal: (A) Service description; (B) the explanation of the need for
232 such service; (C) the method of delivering such service on a regional
233 basis; (D) the organization that would be responsible for regional
234 service delivery; (E) a description of the population that would be
235 served; (F) the manner in which regional service delivery will achieve
236 economies of scale; (G) the amount by which participating
237 municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a result of savings
238 realized; (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision of the service by
239 each participating municipality and by the entity submitting the

240 proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of the service on a
241 regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such proposal approved by
242 the legislative body of each participating municipality; and (K) an
243 explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if any, to the regional
244 provision of the service.

245 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
246 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of
247 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority
248 to a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of
249 this section that includes participation of all of the member
250 municipalities of such entity, and which may increase the purchasing
251 power of participating municipalities or provide a cost savings
252 initiative resulting in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities,
253 allowing such municipalities to lower property taxes, and (B) any
254 economic development district.

255 (d) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint
256 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
257 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants
258 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall include
259 information on the amount of each grant, and the potential of each
260 grant for leveraging other public and private investments. The
261 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,
262 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each
263 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such
264 fiscal year. Such reports shall include the property tax reductions
265 achieved by means of the program established pursuant to this section.

266 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section: (1)
267 "Northeastern Region" means the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn,
268 Canterbury, Eastford, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling,
269 Thompson, Union and Woodstock, which together constitute the
270 Northeastern Council of Governments organized under the provisions
271 of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the general statutes, as

272 amended by this act; (2) "Capital Region" means the towns of Andover,
273 Avon, Bloomfield, Bolton, Canton, East Granby, East Hartford, East
274 Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby,
275 Hartford, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Newington, Rocky Hill,
276 Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Stafford, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon,
277 West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and Windsor Locks, which
278 together constitute the Capital Region Council of Governments
279 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive,
280 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (3) "Valley Region"
281 means the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton, which
282 together constitute the Valley Council of Governments organized
283 under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the
284 general statutes, as amended by this act; and (4) "human services" and
285 "negotiated investment strategies" shall have the same meanings as in
286 section 17a-750 of the general statutes.

287 (b) (1) The Northeastern Council of Governments shall coordinate
288 the development of a pilot program in the Northeastern Region. The
289 goal of the pilot program shall be to allow local governments, in
290 partnership with public and private providers of human services and
291 human service users, educators, businesses and other appropriate
292 individuals or groups, as determined by such regional council, to
293 establish a program to address the human service needs of the region
294 through a negotiated investment strategy as an alternative to the
295 existing state and federal human services system. Such pilot program
296 shall be submitted, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
297 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
298 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
299 development and human services not later than February 5, 2014.

300 (2) The pilot program shall include the establishment of a regional
301 human services advisory council to prepare the plan required
302 pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection. The council shall be
303 comprised of the chief elected officials of the member towns of the
304 Northeastern Region, members of the General Assembly representing

305 the Northeastern Region, public and private human service providers
306 and service users, educators, labor representatives, businesses and
307 other appropriate individuals or groups as determined by the regional
308 human services advisory council. The chairpersons of the joint
309 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
310 matters relating to appropriations, planning and development,
311 commerce and human services, or their designees, shall be ex-officio
312 members of the advisory council without the right to vote. The
313 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's
314 designee, shall be an ex-officio member of the advisory council and
315 shall provide to the advisory council any available information
316 pertinent to the accomplishment of the goals set forth in subdivision
317 (4) of this subsection. State and federal agencies involved in providing
318 human services may be ex-officio members of the council without the
319 right to vote.

320 (3) On or before October 1, 2014, the regional human services
321 advisory council shall develop and submit to the Secretary of the
322 Office of Policy and Management, on behalf of the Northeastern
323 Region a format and time line for the development and revision of a
324 five-year strategic plan that addresses the human services needs of
325 such region.

326 (4) The five-year strategic plan shall: (A) Be developed by means of
327 a negotiated investment strategy; (B) set forth goals to meet basic
328 human needs for the Northeastern Region and establish benchmarks to
329 measure progress towards achieving such goals; (C) make
330 recommendations for the use of funds available under the regional
331 services pilot program and related funds, including an implementation
332 schedule and a budget detailing the specific use of funds; (D) identify
333 regional issues, needs and resources and address efficiency and
334 effectiveness of service delivery; (E) include a description of the
335 planning process used to identify needs and set priorities from the
336 region, the programs to be funded and eligibility standards to be used,
337 if any; (F) be consistent with the planning and policy objectives of the

338 state that are implemented in the state budget; (G) include a project
339 component, updated annually, that relates specific regional and local
340 proposals to state planning goals; (H) include a finance component
341 that describes the administration and fund distribution process; (I)
342 identify state and federal funding sources; and (J) make
343 recommendations for legislation to implement the plan for the
344 biennium beginning July 1, 2015. Such strategic plan shall be
345 submitted to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
346 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, planning and
347 development, labor, commerce and human services.

348 (5) On or before January 1, 2015, the Northeastern Council of
349 Governments shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
350 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
351 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
352 appropriations, planning and development, labor, commerce and
353 human services, a plan for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, to
354 make available to the Northeastern Region all state and federal funds
355 appropriated for human services. Such plan shall be consistent with
356 the five-year strategic plan prepared pursuant to this section and
357 budget adjustments made by the General Assembly, and may include
358 recommendations for legislation and for applications for waivers of
359 federal laws or regulations.

360 (c) The Capital Region Council of Governments, in consultation
361 with the Office of Policy and Management, shall coordinate the
362 development of a pilot program in the Capital Region for
363 consideration by the General Assembly. The goal of the program shall
364 be to propose a project to improve services and improve cost efficiency
365 in an existing regional services area not later than one hundred eighty
366 days from enactment.

367 (d) (1) The Valley Council of Governments shall coordinate the
368 development of a pilot program in the Valley Region for consideration
369 by the General Assembly for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and

370 continuing four years through the biennium beginning July 1, 2015.
371 The Valley Council of Governments, in consultation with the
372 Department of Economic and Community Development, shall
373 implement a project to transfer administration of the United States
374 Department of Housing and Urban Development Community
375 Development Block Grant Small Cities Program for the towns of
376 Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton to the Valley Council of
377 Governments.

378 (2) The Department of Economic and Community Development
379 shall subgrant directly to the Valley Council of Governments the full
380 amount of funds attributable to the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour
381 and Shelton pursuant to United States Department of Housing and
382 Urban Development indicators of poverty and need, including any
383 amounts for program administration. The Valley Council of
384 Governments shall exercise full discretion to expend all such funds in
385 conformity with 24 CFR Part 570 and the state's consolidated plan for
386 housing and community development prepared pursuant to section 8-
387 37t of the general statutes. On or before July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2017,
388 the Valley Council of Governments and the Department of Economic
389 and Community Development shall, in accordance with the provisions
390 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, make a joint report to the
391 General Assembly's program review and investigation committee (A)
392 outlining the total expenditure for each agency's portion of the United
393 States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community
394 Development Block Grant Small Cities Program, (B) identifying and
395 comparing detailed costs for program administration and
396 grantmaking, and (C) providing the General Assembly with a basis for
397 determining whether it would be beneficial to devolve the entire
398 program to the regional level.

399 (e) The Northeastern Council of Governments and the Capital
400 Region Council of Governments shall each receive two hundred fifty
401 thousand dollars from the regional performance incentive account on
402 July 1, 2013, to cover the costs of their respective pilot programs.

403 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 2-79a of the general statutes is
404 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
405 *January 1, 2015*):

406 (a) There shall be a Connecticut Advisory Commission on
407 Intergovernmental Relations. The purpose of the commission shall be
408 to enhance coordination and cooperation between the state and local
409 governments. The commission shall consist of the president pro
410 tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the
411 minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of
412 Representatives, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
413 the Commissioners of Education, Environmental Protection, Economic
414 and Community Development, or their designees, and sixteen
415 additional members as follows: (1) Six municipal officials appointed by
416 the Governor, four of whom shall be selected from a list of nominees
417 submitted to him by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and
418 two of whom shall be selected from a list submitted by the Council of
419 Small Towns. Two of such six officials shall be from towns having
420 populations of twenty thousand or less persons, two shall be from
421 towns having populations of more than twenty thousand but less than
422 sixty thousand persons and two shall be from towns having
423 populations of sixty thousand or more persons; (2) two local public
424 education officials appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be
425 selected from a list of nominees submitted to him by the Connecticut
426 Association of Boards of Education and one of whom shall be selected
427 from a list submitted by the Connecticut Association of School
428 Administrators; (3) one representative of a regional council of
429 governments [or a regional planning agency] appointed by the
430 Governor from a list of nominees submitted to him by the Regional
431 Planning Association of Connecticut; (4) five persons who do not hold
432 elected or appointed office in state or local government, one of whom
433 shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed
434 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be
435 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of

436 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one
437 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
438 Representatives; (5) one representative of the Connecticut Conference
439 of Municipalities appointed by said conference; and (6) one
440 representative of the Council of Small Towns appointed by said
441 council. Each member of the commission appointed pursuant to
442 subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection shall serve for a
443 term of two years. All other members shall serve for terms which are
444 coterminous with their terms of office. The Governor shall appoint a
445 chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the commission
446 members. Members of the General Assembly may serve as
447 gubernatorial appointees to the commission. Members of the
448 commission shall not be compensated for their services but shall be
449 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
450 their duties.

451 Sec. 7. Section 4-124i of the general statutes is repealed and the
452 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

453 As used in sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this
454 act:

455 (1) "Planning region" means a planning region of the state as
456 defined or redefined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
457 Management, or his designee under the provisions of section 16a-4a, as
458 amended by this act;

459 [(2) "Regional council of elected officials" means any regional
460 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of this
461 chapter;

462 (3) "Regional planning agency" means any regional planning agency
463 organized under the provisions of chapter 127;]

464 [(4)] (2) "Chief elected official" means the highest ranking elected
465 governmental official of any town, city or borough within the state;

466 [(5)] (3) "Elected official" means any selectman, mayor, alderman, or
467 member of a common council or other similar legislative body of any
468 town or city, or warden or burgess of any borough;

469 [(6)] (4) "Council" means a regional council of governments
470 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive,
471 as amended by this act;

472 [(7)] (5) "Member" means any town, city or borough within a
473 planning region of the state having become a member of a regional
474 council of governments in accordance with [said] sections 4-124i to 4-
475 124p, inclusive, as amended by this act;

476 [(8) "Regional planning organization" means a regional council of
477 governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-
478 124p, inclusive, a regional council of elected officials organized under
479 the provisions of sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive, or a regional
480 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127.]

481 Sec. 8. Section 4-124j of the general statutes is repealed and the
482 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

483 Within any planning region of the state a regional council of
484 governments may be created by the adoption of sections 4-124i to 4-
485 124p, inclusive, as amended by this act, by ordinance of the legislative
486 bodies of not less than sixty per cent of all towns, cities and boroughs
487 within such planning region entitled to membership on such council as
488 hereinafter provided. [Where any regional council of elected officials,
489 or a regional planning agency, exist within a planning region, a
490 regional council of governments may be created either as hereinabove
491 provided, or by the adoption of said sections by resolution of any such
492 regional council or councils of elected officials and any such regional
493 planning agency, and the ratification of any such resolution by
494 ordinance of the legislative bodies of not less than sixty per cent of all
495 such towns, cities and boroughs.] All towns, cities and boroughs
496 within a planning region shall be entitled to membership on such

497 council, including any city or borough with boundaries not
498 coterminous with the boundaries of the town in which it is located.
499 Any nonmember town, city or borough entitled to membership may
500 join the council by the adoption of said sections by ordinance of its
501 legislative body. Any member town, city or borough may withdraw
502 from the council by adoption of an appropriate ordinance of its
503 legislative body to become effective on the date of such adoption;
504 provided, however, that any such withdrawing member shall be
505 obligated to pay its pro rata share of expenses of operation and pro
506 rata share of funds committed by the council to active programs as of
507 such date of withdrawal.

508 Sec. 9. Section 4-124l of the general statutes is repealed and the
509 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

510 [(a)] Upon the adoption of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as
511 amended by this act, or upon the ratification of a resolution adopting
512 said sections, as provided in section 4-124j, by any town, city or
513 borough entitled to membership on a regional council of governments,
514 the clerk of such town, city or borough shall immediately prepare and
515 file with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his
516 or her designee a certified copy of the adopting or ratifying ordinance,
517 and, upon receipt of such certified ordinances from not less than sixty
518 per cent of all such towns, cities and boroughs within a planning
519 region, said secretary or his or her designee shall certify to such towns,
520 cities and boroughs and all other eligible towns, cities and boroughs
521 within the planning region, that a regional council of governments has
522 been duly established within such planning region. Any subsequent
523 ordinances adopting the provisions of said sections, or effecting the
524 withdrawal from the council of a member shall be similarly filed.
525 [Except as hereinafter provided in this section, upon the establishment
526 of a regional council of governments within a planning region in
527 accordance with said sections, no regional council of elected officials
528 nor regional planning agency shall be subsequently established within
529 such planning region.]

530 [(b) If at the time of the adoption or ratification of the provisions of
531 said sections by the requisite sixty per cent majority of all eligible
532 towns, cities and boroughs within a planning region there exists within
533 such planning region a regional council of elected officials, or regional
534 planning agency, or both, the existence and activities of any such
535 regional council of elected officials or regional planning agency shall
536 continue uninterrupted for the duration of a transitional period
537 commencing with the certification of the establishment of the council
538 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his
539 designee pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The chief elected
540 officials of each town, city or borough subsequently adopting said
541 sections, or in the absence of a chief elected official, an elected official
542 appointed by the legislative body of any such member, shall constitute
543 a transitional executive committee of the regional council of
544 governments during such transitional period. Any such transitional
545 executive committee acting under this subsection shall have the
546 following authority and responsibilities: (1) To draft and propose
547 bylaws for adoption by the council; (2) to select and propose for
548 election by the council, candidates for offices of the council which may
549 include any one or more members of the transitional committee; (3) to
550 propose staffing arrangements, for adoption by the council; (4) to
551 prepare and propose, for adoption by the council, a program of
552 planning and implementation activities, which shall provide for the
553 assumption of such active programs of any such existing regional
554 council of elected officials or regional planning agency, as such
555 executive committee may deem appropriate and a budget for a period
556 not to exceed one year following such transitional period; (5) to
557 propose, for adoption by the council, the date upon which such
558 transitional period shall terminate, which date shall not be later than
559 one year from the date of certification by the secretary of the office of
560 policy and management, or his designee of the establishment of the
561 council.

562 (c) Upon the expiration of the transitional period provided for

563 under subsection (b) of this section, the regional council of
564 governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights,
565 privileges and obligations, whether statutory or contractual, of any
566 regional council of elected officials, or regional planning agency, or
567 both, within the planning region, and no regional council of elected
568 officials nor regional planning agency shall be subsequently created
569 within such planning region, except as provided in subsection (d) of
570 this section.

571 (d) If at any time after the establishment within a planning region of
572 a regional council of governments the members of the council shall
573 constitute less than forty per cent of all eligible towns, cities and
574 boroughs within such planning region, the council shall thereafter be
575 deemed a regional council of elected officials without the rights and
576 duties of a regional planning agency for as long as and until the
577 membership of the council shall again constitute not less than sixty per
578 cent of all such eligible cities, towns and boroughs within the planning
579 region. Whenever the members of the council shall constitute less than
580 forty per cent of all such eligible towns, cities and boroughs within the
581 planning region, a regional council of elected officials and a regional
582 planning agency may be established within such region under the
583 general statutes, as amended.]

584 Sec. 10. Section 4-124u of the general statutes is repealed and the
585 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

586 (a) As used in this section, [:] "proposed project of regional
587 significance" means a proposed project, to be built by a private
588 developer, that is an open air theater, shopping center or other
589 development that is planned to create more than (A) five hundred
590 thousand square feet of indoor commercial or industrial space, (B) two
591 hundred fifty residential housing units in structures under four stories,
592 or (C) one thousand parking spaces.

593 [(1) "Regional planning organization" means (A) a regional council

594 of governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-
595 124p, inclusive, (B) a regional council of elected officials organized
596 under the provisions of sections 4-124c to 4-124h, inclusive, or (C) a
597 regional planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter
598 127; and

599 (2) "Proposed project of regional significance" means a proposed
600 project, to be built by a private developer, that is an open air theater,
601 shopping center or other development that is planned to create more
602 than (A) five hundred thousand square feet of indoor commercial or
603 industrial space, (B) two hundred fifty residential housing units in
604 structures under four stories, or (C) one thousand parking spaces.]

605 (b) Each regional [planning organization] council of governments
606 shall establish a voluntary process for applicants to any state or
607 municipal agency, department or commission to request a
608 preapplication review of proposed projects of regional significance.
609 Such process shall determine the components of the review which
610 shall include a procedure to assure that all relevant municipalities and
611 regional and state agencies provide the applicant with (1) preliminary
612 comment on the project, which shall be in a form determined by the
613 agency, (2) summaries of the review process of each agency, and (3) an
614 opportunity for the applicant to discuss the project with
615 representatives of each relevant municipality or state agency at a
616 meeting convened by the regional [planning organization] council of
617 governments. At least one representative from each relevant
618 municipality and each state agency, department or commission shall
619 participate in a review of a proposed project of regional significance
620 upon request of a regional [planning organization] council of
621 governments at a meeting convened for such purpose, provided (A)
622 the regional [planning organization] council of governments notifies
623 each agency, department or commission of any such meeting no later
624 than the date three weeks before the date of such meeting, and (B) no
625 such organization shall convene more than one such meeting in any
626 quarter of a calendar year. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to

627 prevent two or more regional [planning organizations] councils of
628 governments from convening joint meetings to carry out the
629 provisions of this section. The regional [planning organization] council
630 of governments shall prepare a report of the comments of the agencies
631 reviewing the proposal and provide a copy of such report to the
632 applicant and each reviewing agency.

633 (c) No results or information obtained from the preapplication
634 review established under this section shall be appealed under any
635 provision of the general statutes and no such results or information
636 shall be binding on the applicant or any authority, commission,
637 department, agency or other official having jurisdiction to review the
638 proposed project.

639 Sec. 11. Subdivision (10) of section 4-230 of the general statutes is
640 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
641 *January 1, 2015*):

642 (10) "Audited agency" means a district, as defined in section 7-324,
643 the Metropolitan District of Hartford County, a regional board of
644 education, [a regional planning agency] a regional council of
645 governments, any other political subdivision of similar character
646 which is created or any other agency created or designated by a
647 municipality to act for such municipality whose annual receipts from
648 all sources exceed one million dollars or any tourism district
649 established under section 10-397;

650 Sec. 12. Section 4b-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the
651 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

652 As used in this section, "state facility" means buildings and real
653 property owned or leased by the state. The Commissioner of
654 Administrative Services, when leasing, purchasing or contracting for
655 the purchase of a state facility, shall consider the proximity of state
656 facilities to railroads or motor bus routes. The Commissioner of
657 Administrative Services shall consult with the Department of

658 Transportation, transit districts or regional [planning agencies] council
659 of governments on the current and future status of railroad and motor
660 bus routes prior to leasing, purchasing or contracting for the purchase
661 of a state facility.

662 Sec. 13. Section 4d-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the
663 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

664 (a) There is established a Geospatial Information Systems Council
665 consisting of the following members, or their designees: (1) The
666 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; (2) the
667 Commissioners of Energy and Environmental Protection, Economic
668 and Community Development, Transportation, Public Health,
669 Construction Services, Administrative Services, Agriculture,
670 Emergency Services and Public Protection and Social Services; (3) the
671 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education; (4) the
672 president of The University of Connecticut; (5) one member who is a
673 user of geospatial information systems appointed by the president pro
674 tempore of the Senate representing a municipality with a population of
675 more than sixty thousand; (6) one member who is a user of geospatial
676 information systems appointed by the minority leader of the Senate
677 representing a regional [planning agency] council of governments; (7)
678 one member who is a user of geospatial information systems
679 appointed by the Governor representing a municipality with a
680 population of less than sixty thousand but more than thirty thousand;
681 (8) one member who is a user of geospatial information systems
682 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives representing
683 a municipality with a population of less than thirty thousand; (9) one
684 member appointed by the minority leader of the House of
685 Representatives who is a user of geospatial information systems; (10)
686 the Adjutant General of the Military Department; and (11) any other
687 persons the council deems necessary appointed by the council. The
688 Governor shall select the chairperson from among the members. The
689 chairperson shall administer the affairs of the council. Vacancies shall
690 be filled by appointment by the authority making the appointment.

691 Members shall receive no compensation for their services on said
692 council, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
693 performance of their duties. Said council shall hold one meeting each
694 calendar quarter and such additional meetings as may be prescribed
695 by council rules. In addition, special meetings may be called by the
696 chairperson or by any three members upon delivery of forty-eight
697 hours written notice to each member.

698 (b) The council, within available appropriations, shall coordinate a
699 uniform geospatial information system capacity for municipalities,
700 regional [planning agencies] councils of governments, the state and
701 others, as needed, which shall include provisions for (1) creation,
702 maintenance and dissemination of geographic information or imagery
703 that may be used to (A) precisely identify certain locations or areas, or
704 (B) create maps or information profiles in graphic or electronic form
705 about particular locations or areas, and (2) promotion of a forum in
706 which geospatial information may be centralized and distributed. In
707 establishing such capacity, the council shall consult with
708 municipalities, regional [planning agencies] councils of governments,
709 state agencies and other users of geospatial information system
710 technology. The purpose of any such system shall be to provide
711 guidance or assistance to municipal and state officials in the areas of
712 land use planning, transportation, economic development,
713 environmental, cultural and natural resources management, the
714 delivery of public services and other areas, as necessary.

715 (c) The council may apply for federal grants and may accept and
716 expend such grants on behalf of the state through the Office of Policy
717 and Management.

718 (d) The council, within available appropriations, shall administer a
719 program of technical assistance to municipalities and regional
720 [planning agencies] councils of governments to develop geospatial
721 information systems and shall periodically recommend improvements
722 to the geospatial information system provided for in subsection (b) of

723 this section.

724 (e) On or before January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the council
725 shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a, a report on activities
726 under this section to the joint standing committee of the General
727 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
728 development.

729 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
730 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
731 *January 1, 2015*):

732 (a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and
733 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group
734 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for
735 (1) state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect
736 coverage under such plan or plans, (3) participants in an alternate
737 retirement program who meet the service requirements of section
738 5-162 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (4) anyone receiving benefits
739 under section 5-144 or from any state-sponsored retirement system,
740 except the teachers' retirement system and the municipal employees
741 retirement system, (5) judges of probate and Probate Court employees,
742 (6) the surviving spouse, and any dependent children of a state police
743 officer, a member of an organized local police department, a firefighter
744 or a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies
745 before, on or after June 26, 2003, as the result of injuries received while
746 acting within the scope of such officer's or firefighter's or constable's
747 employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and
748 whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise
749 eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance
750 plan. Coverage for a dependent child pursuant to this subdivision shall
751 terminate no earlier than the policy anniversary date on or after
752 whichever of the following occurs first, the date on which the child:
753 Becomes covered under a group health plan through the dependent's
754 own employment; or attains the age of twenty-six, (7) employees of the

755 Capital Region Development Authority established by section 32-601,
756 and (8) the surviving spouse and dependent children of any employee
757 of a municipality who dies on or after October 1, 2000, as the result of
758 injuries received while acting within the scope of such employee's
759 employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and
760 whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise
761 eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance
762 plan. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" means any regular
763 employee or elective officer receiving pay from a municipality,
764 "municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district, taxing
765 district, fire district, district department of health, probate district,
766 housing authority, regional work force development board established
767 under section 31-3k, flood commission or authority established by
768 special act or regional [planning agency] council of governments. For
769 purposes of subdivision (6) of this subsection, "firefighter" means any
770 person who is regularly employed and paid by any municipality for
771 the purpose of performing firefighting duties for a municipality on
772 average of not less than thirty-five hours per week. The minimum
773 benefits to be provided by such plan or plans shall be substantially
774 equal in value to the benefits that each such employee or member of
775 the General Assembly could secure in such plan or plans on an
776 individual basis on the preceding first day of July. The state shall pay
777 for each such employee and each member of the General Assembly
778 covered by such plan or plans the portion of the premium charged for
779 such member's or employee's individual coverage and seventy per
780 cent of the additional cost of the form of coverage and such amount
781 shall be credited to the total premiums owed by such employee or
782 member of the General Assembly for the form of such member's or
783 employee's coverage under such plan or plans. On and after January 1,
784 1989, the state shall pay for anyone receiving benefits from any such
785 state-sponsored retirement system one hundred per cent of the portion
786 of the premium charged for such member's or employee's individual
787 coverage and one hundred per cent of any additional cost for the form
788 of coverage. The balance of any premiums payable by an individual

789 employee or by a member of the General Assembly for the form of
790 coverage shall be deducted from the payroll by the State Comptroller.
791 The total premiums payable shall be remitted by the Comptroller to
792 the insurance company or companies or nonprofit organization or
793 organizations providing the coverage. The amount of the state's
794 contribution per employee for a health maintenance organization
795 option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and cents, to the largest
796 amount of the contribution per employee paid for any other option
797 that is available to all eligible state employees included in the health
798 benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed the amount of the
799 health maintenance organization premium.

800 Sec. 15. Subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
801 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
802 *January 1, 2015*):

803 (i) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of employees of
804 municipalities, nonprofit corporations, community action agencies and
805 small employers and individuals eligible for a health coverage tax
806 credit, retired members or members of an association for personal care
807 assistants under the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this
808 section, provided: (1) Participation by each municipality, nonprofit
809 corporation, community action agency, small employer, eligible
810 individual, retired member or association for personal care assistants
811 shall be on a voluntary basis; (2) where an employee organization
812 represents employees of a municipality, nonprofit corporation,
813 community action agency or small employer, participation in a plan or
814 plans to be procured under subsection (a) of this section shall be by
815 mutual agreement of the municipality, nonprofit corporation,
816 community action agency or small employer and the employee
817 organization only and neither party may submit the issue of
818 participation to binding arbitration except by mutual agreement if
819 such binding arbitration is available; (3) no group of employees shall
820 be refused entry into the plan by reason of past or future health care
821 costs or claim experience; (4) rates paid by the state for its employees

822 under subsection (a) of this section are not adversely affected by this
823 subsection; (5) administrative costs to the plan or plans provided
824 under this subsection shall not be paid by the state; (6) participation in
825 the plan or plans in an amount determined by the state shall be for the
826 duration of the period of the plan or plans, or for such other period as
827 mutually agreed by the municipality, nonprofit corporation,
828 community action agency, small employer, retired member or
829 association for personal care assistants and the Comptroller; and (7)
830 nothing in this section or section 12-202a, 38a-551, 38a-553 or 38a-556
831 shall be construed as requiring a participating insurer or health care
832 center to issue individual policies to individuals eligible for a health
833 coverage tax credit. The coverage provided under this section may be
834 referred to as the "Municipal Employee Health Insurance Plan". The
835 Comptroller may arrange and procure for the employees and eligible
836 individuals under this subsection health benefit plans that vary from
837 the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this section.
838 Notwithstanding any provision of part V of chapter 700c, the coverage
839 provided under this subsection may be offered on either a fully
840 underwritten or risk-pooled basis at the discretion of the Comptroller.
841 For the purposes of this subsection, (A) "municipality" means any
842 town, city, borough, school district, taxing district, fire district, district
843 department of health, probate district, housing authority, regional
844 work force development board established under section 31-3k,
845 regional emergency telecommunications center, tourism district
846 established under section 32-302, flood commission or authority
847 established by special act, regional [planning agency] council of
848 governments, transit district formed under chapter 103a, or the
849 Children's Center established by number 571 of the public acts of 1969;
850 (B) "nonprofit corporation" means (i) a nonprofit corporation
851 organized under 26 USC 501 that has a contract with the state or
852 receives a portion of its funding from a municipality, the state or the
853 federal government, or (ii) an organization that is tax exempt pursuant
854 to 26 USC 501(c)(5); (C) "community action agency" means a
855 community action agency, as defined in section 17b-885; (D) "small

856 employer" means a small employer, as defined in subparagraph (A) of
857 subdivision (4) of section 38a-564; (E) "eligible individuals" or
858 "individuals eligible for a health coverage tax credit" means
859 individuals who are eligible for the credit for health insurance costs
860 under Section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
861 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
862 as from time to time amended, in accordance with the Pension Benefit
863 Guaranty Corporation and Trade Adjustment Assistance programs of
864 the Trade Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-210); (F) "association for personal care
865 assistants" means an organization composed of personal care
866 attendants who are employed by recipients of service (i) under the
867 home-care program for the elderly under section 17b-342, (ii) under the
868 personal care assistance program under section 17b-605a, (iii) in an
869 independent living center pursuant to sections 17b-613 to 17b-615,
870 inclusive, or (iv) under the program for individuals with acquired
871 brain injury as described in section 17b-260a; and (G) "retired
872 members" means individuals eligible for a retirement benefit from the
873 Connecticut municipal employees' retirement system.

874 Sec. 16. Section 7-130w of the general statutes is repealed and the
875 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

876 Sections 7-130a to 7-130w, inclusive, shall constitute full and
877 complete authority, without regard to the provisions of any other law,
878 for the doing of the acts and things therein authorized and shall be
879 liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof, provided the
880 ordinance creating the authority may include limitations on the
881 powers and procedures of the authority. Unless otherwise provided in
882 such ordinance, neither the consent nor approval of any planning
883 commission, regional [planning agency] council of governments,
884 historic district commission, municipal or regional economic
885 development commission or any other board, body or commission
886 established or created before or after July 1, 1965, shall be required for
887 the exercise of the powers conferred by said sections; provided no
888 project shall be constructed in any municipality if it is inconsistent

889 with the plan of conservation and development for the municipality
890 adopted pursuant to section 8-23, as amended by this act, except with
891 the approval of the planning commission of such municipality.

892 Sec. 17. Section 7-136e of the general statutes is repealed and the
893 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

894 (a) A municipality which, pursuant to section 7-136d, has
895 authorized the establishment of a foreign trade zone, shall submit a
896 copy of the application for the privilege of operating such foreign trade
897 zone to the regional [planning agency] council of governments for the
898 area of operation within which such municipality is located and the
899 Departments of Economic and Community Development,
900 Environmental Protection and Transportation for their comments on
901 the advisability of establishment of such zone. Such comments shall be
902 prepared within ninety days of receipt of the application from the
903 municipality.

904 (b) The Departments of Economic and Community Development,
905 Environmental Protection and Transportation shall submit their
906 advisory comments to the municipality and to the board established by
907 said federal Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

908 Sec. 18. Section 7-391 of the general statutes is repealed and the
909 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

910 When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,
911 the following terms shall have the meanings herein specified:
912 "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
913 Management; "municipality" includes each town, consolidated town
914 and city, consolidated town and borough, city and borough; "audited
915 agency" includes each district, as defined in section 7-324, or other
916 municipal utility, the Metropolitan District of Hartford County, each
917 regional [planning agency] council of governments, any other political
918 subdivision of similar character which is created and any other agency
919 created or designated by a municipality to act for such municipality

920 whose annual receipts from all sources exceed one million dollars;
 921 "reporting agency" includes each district, as defined in section 7-324, or
 922 other municipal utility, each regional [planning agency] council of
 923 governments, any other political subdivision of similar character
 924 which is created and any other agency created or designated by a
 925 municipality to act for such municipality whose annual receipts from
 926 all sources do not exceed one million dollars; "appointing authority"
 927 means the legislative body of a municipality or the board, committee
 928 or other governing body of such audited agency, except in any town
 929 where the authority to adopt a budget rests with a town meeting or a
 930 representative town meeting "appointing authority" means the board
 931 of finance or other board, committee or body charged with preparing
 932 the budget, or in a town [which] that has no board of finance or other
 933 such board, committee or body, means the board of selectmen or the
 934 town council; "audit report" means the report of the independent
 935 auditor and the annual financial statements of the municipality or
 936 audited agency; "independent auditor" means a public accountant who
 937 is licensed to practice in the state of Connecticut and who meets the
 938 independence standards included in generally accepted government
 939 auditing standards; "public accountant" means an individual who
 940 meets standards included in generally accepted government auditing
 941 standards for personnel performing government audits and the
 942 licensing requirements of the State Board of Accountancy; "receipts"
 943 means amounts accrued or received by a municipality, audited agency
 944 or reporting agency and reportable as revenues in accordance with
 945 generally accepted accounting principles; "municipal utility" means
 946 every Connecticut municipality or department or agency thereof, or
 947 Connecticut district, manufacturing, selling or distributing gas or
 948 electricity to be used for light, heat or power or water.

949 Sec. 19. Subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of section 7-425 of the
 950 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 951 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

952 (1) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district,

953 regional school district, taxing district, fire district, district department
954 of health, probate district, housing authority, regional work force
955 development board established under section 31-3k, regional
956 emergency telecommunications center, tourism district established
957 under section 10-397, flood commission or authority established by
958 special act or regional [planning agency] council of governments;

959 (2) "Participating municipality" means any municipality [which]
960 that has accepted this part, as provided in section 7-427, as amended
961 by this act;

962 (3) "Legislative body" means, for towns having a town council, the
963 council; for other towns, the selectmen; for cities, the common council
964 or other similar body of officials; for boroughs, the warden and
965 burgesses; for regional school districts, the regional board of
966 education; for district departments of health, the board of the district;
967 for probate districts, the judge of probate; for regional [planning
968 agencies] councils of governments, the [regional planning board]
969 council; for regional emergency telecommunications centers, a
970 representative board; for tourism districts, the board of directors of
971 such tourism district; and in all other cases the body authorized by the
972 general statutes or by special act to make ordinances for the
973 municipality;

974 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 7-427 of the general statutes is
975 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
976 *January 1, 2015*):

977 (a) Any municipality except a housing authority, which is governed
978 by subsection (b) of this section or a regional work force development
979 board established under section 31-3k, which is governed by section 7-
980 427a, may, by resolution passed by its legislative body and subject to
981 such referendum as may be hereinafter provided, accept this part as to
982 any department or departments of such municipality as may be
983 designated therein, including elective officers if so specified, free

984 public libraries which receive part or all of their income from
985 municipal appropriation, and the redevelopment agency of such
986 municipality whether or not such municipality is a member of the
987 system, as defined in section 7-452, as amended by this act, but such
988 acceptance shall not repeal, amend or replace, or affect the continuance
989 of, any pension system established in such municipality by or under
990 the authority of any special act and all such special acts shall remain in
991 full force and effect until repealed or amended by the General
992 Assembly or as provided by chapter 99. The acceptance of this part as
993 to any department or departments of a municipality shall not affect the
994 right of such municipality to accept it in the future as to any other
995 department or departments. In any municipality other than a district
996 department of health, housing authority, flood commission or
997 authority, regional [planning agency] council of governments or
998 supervision district board of education, such resolution shall not take
999 effect until it has been approved by a majority of the electors of the
1000 municipality voting thereon at the next regular election or meeting or
1001 at a special election or meeting called for the purpose. The effective
1002 date of participation shall be at least ninety days subsequent to the
1003 receipt by the Retirement Commission of the certified copy of such
1004 resolution. The Retirement Commission shall furnish to any
1005 municipality contemplating acceptance of this part, at the expense of
1006 such municipality, an estimate of the probable cost to such
1007 municipality of such acceptance as to any department or departments
1008 thereof.

1009 Sec. 21. Subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of section 7-452 of the
1010 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1011 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1012 (1) "Municipality" means any town, consolidated town and city,
1013 consolidated town and borough, borough, fire district, school district,
1014 district department of health, regional [planning agency] council of
1015 governments, probate district, housing authority, flood commission or
1016 authority established by special act or other municipal association

1017 created by special law or by general law or an instrumentality of any of
1018 these, if such instrumentality is a distinct juristic entity legally separate
1019 from any of the above and its employees are not, through this relation,
1020 employees of one of the above;

1021 (2) "Commission" means the State Retirement Commission;

1022 (3) "System" means the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System
1023 under Title II of the Social Security Act, as amended;

1024 (4) "Legislative body", unless otherwise provided by special act or
1025 by charter adopted under the provisions of chapter 99, as applied to
1026 unconsolidated towns, means the town meeting; as applied to cities
1027 and to consolidated towns and cities, means the board of aldermen,
1028 council or other body charged with the duty of making annual
1029 appropriations; as applied to boroughs and consolidated towns and
1030 boroughs, means the board of burgesses; as applied to fire districts,
1031 means the district meeting; as applied to district departments of health,
1032 means the district board; as applied to probate districts, means the
1033 judge of probate; as applied to regional [planning agencies] councils of
1034 governments, means the [regional planning board] council, and, in all
1035 other cases, means the body authorized by the general statutes or by
1036 special act to make bylaws or ordinances for the municipality;

1037 Sec. 22. Section 7-465 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1038 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1039 (a) Any town, city or borough, notwithstanding any inconsistent
1040 provision of law, general, special or local, shall pay on behalf of any
1041 employee of such municipality, except firemen covered under the
1042 provisions of section 7-308, and on behalf of any member from such
1043 municipality of a local emergency planning district, appointed
1044 pursuant to section 22a-601, all sums which such employee becomes
1045 obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon such
1046 employee by law for damages awarded for infringement of any
1047 person's civil rights or for physical damages to person or property,

1048 except as set forth in this section, if the employee, at the time of the
1049 occurrence, accident, physical injury or damages complained of, was
1050 acting in the performance of his duties and within the scope of his
1051 employment, and if such occurrence, accident, physical injury or
1052 damage was not the result of any wilful or wanton act of such
1053 employee in the discharge of such duty. This section shall not apply to
1054 physical injury to a person caused by an employee to a fellow
1055 employee while both employees are engaged in the scope of their
1056 employment for such municipality if the employee suffering such
1057 injury or, in the case of his death, his dependent, has a right to benefits
1058 or compensation under chapter 568 by reason of such injury. If an
1059 employee or, in the case of his death, his dependent, has a right to
1060 benefits or compensation under chapter 568 by reason of injury or
1061 death caused by the negligence or wrong of a fellow employee while
1062 both employees are engaged in the scope of their employment for such
1063 municipality, such employee or, in the case of his death, his
1064 dependent, shall have no cause of action against such fellow employee
1065 to recover damages for such injury or death unless such wrong was
1066 wilful and malicious or the action is based on the fellow employee's
1067 negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-
1068 1. This section shall not apply to libel or slander proceedings brought
1069 against any such employee and, in such cases, there is no assumption
1070 of liability by any town, city or borough. Any employee of such
1071 municipality, although excused from official duty at the time, for the
1072 purposes of this section shall be deemed to be acting in the discharge
1073 of duty when engaged in the immediate and actual performance of a
1074 public duty imposed by law. Such municipality may arrange for and
1075 maintain appropriate insurance or may elect to act as a self-insurer to
1076 maintain such protection. No action for personal physical injuries or
1077 damages to real or personal property shall be maintained against such
1078 municipality and employee jointly unless such action is commenced
1079 within two years after the cause of action therefor arose and written
1080 notice of the intention to commence such action and of the time when
1081 and the place where the damages were incurred or sustained has been

1082 filed with the clerk of such municipality within six months after such
1083 cause of action has accrued. Governmental immunity shall not be a
1084 defense in any action brought under this section. In any such action the
1085 municipality and the employee may be represented by the same
1086 attorney if the municipality, at the time such attorney enters his
1087 appearance, files a statement with the court, which shall not become
1088 part of the pleadings or judgment file, that it will pay any final
1089 judgment rendered in such action against such employee. No mention
1090 of any kind shall be made of such statement by any counsel during the
1091 trial of such action. As used in this section, "employee" includes (1) a
1092 member of a town board of education and any teacher, including a
1093 student teacher doing practice teaching under the direction of such a
1094 teacher, or other person employed by such board, and (2) a member of
1095 the local emergency planning committee from such municipality
1096 appointed pursuant to section 22a-601. Nothing in this section shall be
1097 construed to abrogate the right of any person, board or commission
1098 which may accrue under section 10-235.

1099 (b) Each town, city or borough which has joined with other towns,
1100 cities or boroughs to form a district department of health, pursuant to
1101 chapter 368f, or a regional [planning agency, pursuant to chapter 127]
1102 council of government, pursuant to section 4-124j, as amended by this
1103 act, shall jointly assume the liability imposed upon any officer, agent
1104 or employee of such district department of health or such regional
1105 [planning agency] council of governments, acting in the performance
1106 of his duties and in the scope of his employment, under, and in the
1107 manner and in accordance with the procedures set forth in, subsection
1108 (a) of this section. Such joint assumption of liability shall be
1109 proportionately shared by the towns, cities and boroughs in such
1110 district or regional [planning agency] council of governments, on the
1111 same basis that the expenses of such district are shared as determined
1112 under section 19a-243. [, or such regional planning agency as
1113 determined under section 8-34a.]

1114 Sec. 23. Section 7-479 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1116 For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town,
1117 city, borough, school district, taxing district, fire district, district
1118 department of health, probate district, housing authority, flood
1119 commission or authority established by special act or regional
1120 [planning agency] council of governments. Any municipality, in
1121 addition to such powers as it has under the provisions of the general
1122 statutes or any special act, may, by ordinance or regulation, prohibit
1123 any member or employee of any municipal board [or agency,] or any
1124 official, officer or employee of such municipality from (1) being
1125 financially interested, or having any personal beneficial interest, either
1126 directly or indirectly, in any contract or purchase order for any
1127 supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services furnished to or
1128 used by any such municipality [,] or board, [or agency] and (2)
1129 accepting or receiving, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or
1130 corporation to which any contract or purchase order may be awarded
1131 by such municipality, by rebate, gifts or otherwise, any money, or
1132 anything of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract
1133 for future reward or compensation. Such municipalities may prescribe
1134 penalties for the violation of any ordinance or regulation enacted
1135 pursuant to this section, including the voidance of any municipal
1136 purchase, contract or ruling adopted in contravention thereof.

1137 Sec. 24. Subsection (e) of section 8-2j of the general statutes is
1138 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1139 *January 1, 2015*):

1140 (e) The commission may seek the recommendations of any town or
1141 regional [agency] council or outside specialist with which it consults,
1142 including, but not limited to, the regional [planning agency] council of
1143 governments, the municipality's historical society, the Connecticut
1144 Trust for Historic Preservation and The University of Connecticut
1145 College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Any reports or
1146 recommendations from such [agencies] councils or organizations shall

1147 be entered into the public hearing record.

1148 Sec. 25. Section 8-3b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1149 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1150 When the zoning commission of any municipality proposes to
1151 establish or change a zone or any regulation affecting the use of a zone
1152 any portion of which is within five hundred feet of the boundary of
1153 another municipality, [located within the area of operation of a
1154 regional planning agency,] the zoning commission shall give written
1155 notice of its proposal to each regional [planning agency] council of
1156 governments for the region or regions in which it and the other
1157 municipality are located. Such notice shall be made by certified mail,
1158 return receipt requested, or by electronic mail to the electronic mail
1159 address designated by the regional [planning agency] council of
1160 governments on the [agency's] council's Internet web site for receipt of
1161 such notice, not later than thirty days before the public hearing to be
1162 held in relation thereto. If such notice is sent by electronic mail and the
1163 zoning commission does not receive an electronic mail message from a
1164 regional [planning agency] council of governments confirming receipt
1165 of such notice, then not later than twenty-five days before the public
1166 hearing, the zoning commission shall also send such notice by certified
1167 mail, return receipt requested, to such [planning agency] council. The
1168 regional [planning agency] council of governments shall study such
1169 proposal and shall report its findings and recommendations thereon to
1170 the zoning commission at or before the hearing, and such report shall
1171 be made a part of the record of such hearing. The report of any
1172 regional [planning agency] council of governments of any region that
1173 is contiguous to Long Island Sound shall include findings and
1174 recommendations on the environmental impact of the proposal on the
1175 ecosystem and habitat of Long Island Sound. If such report of the
1176 regional [planning agency] council of governments is not submitted at
1177 or before the hearing, it shall be presumed that such [agency] council
1178 does not disapprove of the proposal. A regional [planning agency]
1179 council of governments receiving such a notice may transmit such

1180 notice to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his
1181 or her designee for comment. The [planning agency] council may
1182 designate its [executive committee] regional planning commission to
1183 act for it under this section. [or may establish a subcommittee for the
1184 purpose.] The report of said [planning agency] council shall be purely
1185 advisory.

1186 Sec. 26. Subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of section 8-23 of the
1187 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1188 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1189 (4) At least sixty-five days prior to the public hearing on adoption,
1190 the commission shall submit a copy of such plan or part thereof or
1191 amendment thereto to the regional [planning agency] council of
1192 governments for review and comment. The regional [planning agency]
1193 council of governments shall submit an advisory report along with its
1194 comments to the commission at or before the hearing. Such comments
1195 shall include a finding on the consistency of the plan with (A) the
1196 regional plan of conservation and development, adopted under section
1197 8-35a, as amended by this act, (B) the state plan of conservation and
1198 development, adopted pursuant to chapter 297, and (C) the plans of
1199 conservation and development of other municipalities in the area of
1200 operation of the regional [planning agency] council of governments.
1201 The commission may render a decision on the plan without the report
1202 of the regional [planning agency] council of governments.

1203 Sec. 27. Section 8-26b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1205 Whenever a subdivision of land is planned, the area of which will
1206 abut or include land in two or more municipalities, [one or both of
1207 which are within a region or regions having a regional planning
1208 agency or agencies,] the planning commission, where one exists, of
1209 each such municipality shall, before approving the plan, give written
1210 notice of such subdivision plan to each regional [planning agency]

1211 council of governments for the region or regions in which it and the
1212 other municipality are located. Such notice shall be made by certified
1213 mail, return receipt requested, or by electronic mail to the electronic
1214 mail address designated by the regional [planning agency] council of
1215 governments on the [agency's] council's Internet web site for receipt of
1216 such notice, not later than thirty days before the public hearing to be
1217 held in relation thereto. If such notice is sent by electronic mail and the
1218 planning commission does not receive an electronic mail message from
1219 a regional [planning agency] council of governments confirming
1220 receipt of such notice, then not later than twenty-five days before the
1221 public hearing, the planning commission shall also send such notice by
1222 certified mail, return receipt requested, to such [planning agency]
1223 council. A regional [planning agency] council of governments
1224 receiving such notice shall, at or before the hearing report to each such
1225 planning commission and to the proponent of such subdivision on its
1226 findings on the intermunicipal aspects of the proposed subdivision,
1227 including street layout, storm drainage, sewer and water service and
1228 such other matters as it considers appropriate. If such report of a
1229 regional [planning agency] council of governments is not submitted, at
1230 or before the hearing, it shall be presumed that such [agency] council
1231 does not disapprove of the proposed subdivision. A regional [planning
1232 agency] council of governments may designate its [executive
1233 committee] regional planning commission to act for it under this
1234 section. [or it may establish a subcommittee for the purpose.] The
1235 report of such regional [planning agency] council of governments shall
1236 be purely advisory.

1237 Sec. 28. Section 8-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1238 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1239 (a) At least once every ten years, each regional [planning agency]
1240 council of governments shall make a plan of conservation and
1241 development for its area of operation, showing its recommendations
1242 for the general use of the area including land use, housing, principal
1243 highways and freeways, bridges, airports, parks, playgrounds,

1244 recreational areas, schools, public institutions, public utilities,
1245 agriculture and such other matters as, in the opinion of the [agency]
1246 council, will be beneficial to the area. Any regional plan so developed
1247 shall be based on studies of physical, social, economic and
1248 governmental conditions and trends and shall be designed to promote
1249 with the greatest efficiency and economy the coordinated development
1250 of its area of operation and the general welfare and prosperity of its
1251 people. Such plan may encourage energy-efficient patterns of
1252 development, the use of solar and other renewable forms of energy,
1253 and energy conservation. Such plan shall be designed to promote
1254 abatement of the pollution of the waters and air of the region. The
1255 regional plan shall identify areas where it is feasible and prudent (1) to
1256 have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed use
1257 development patterns and land reuse, and (2) to promote such
1258 development patterns and land reuse and shall note any
1259 inconsistencies with the following growth management principles: (A)
1260 Redevelopment and revitalization of regional centers and areas of
1261 mixed land uses with existing or planned physical infrastructure; (B)
1262 expansion of housing opportunities and design choices to
1263 accommodate a variety of household types and needs; (C)
1264 concentration of development around transportation nodes and along
1265 major transportation corridors to support the viability of
1266 transportation options and land reuse; (D) conservation and
1267 restoration of the natural environment, cultural and historical
1268 resources and traditional rural lands; (E) protection of environmental
1269 assets critical to public health and safety; and (F) integration of
1270 planning across all levels of government to address issues on a local,
1271 regional and state-wide basis. The plan of each region contiguous to
1272 Long Island Sound shall be designed to reduce hypoxia, pathogens,
1273 toxic contaminants and floatable debris in Long Island Sound.

1274 (b) Before adopting the regional plan of conservation and
1275 development or any part thereof or amendment thereto the [agency]
1276 council shall hold at least one public hearing thereon, notice of the

1277 time, place and subject of which shall be given in writing to the chief
1278 executive officer and planning commission, where one exists, of each
1279 member town, city or borough. Notice of the time, place and subject of
1280 such hearing shall be published once in a newspaper having a
1281 substantial circulation in the region. Such notices shall be given not
1282 more than twenty days or less than ten days before such hearing. At
1283 least sixty-five days before the public hearing the regional [planning
1284 agency] council of governments shall post the plan on the Internet web
1285 site of the [agency] council, if any, and submit the plan to the Secretary
1286 of the Office of Policy and Management for findings in the form of
1287 comments and recommendations. By October 1, 2011, the secretary
1288 shall establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with the
1289 provisions of chapter 54, criteria for such findings which shall include
1290 procedures for a uniform review of regional plans of conservation and
1291 development to determine if a proposed regional plan of conservation
1292 and development is not inconsistent with the state plan of
1293 conservation and development and the state economic strategic plan.
1294 The regional [planning agency] council of governments shall note on
1295 the record any inconsistency with the state plan of conservation and
1296 development and the reasons for such inconsistency. Adoption of the
1297 plan or part thereof or amendment thereto shall be made by the
1298 affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the representatives on
1299 the [agency] council. The plan shall be posted on the Internet web site
1300 of the [agency] council, if any, and a copy of the plan or of any
1301 amendments thereto, signed by the chairman of the [agency] council,
1302 shall be transmitted to the chief executive officers, the town, city or
1303 borough clerks, as the case may be, and to planning commissions, if
1304 any, in member towns, cities or boroughs, and to the Secretary of the
1305 Office of Policy and Management, or his or her designee. The regional
1306 [planning agency] council of governments shall notify the Secretary of
1307 the Office of Policy and Management of any inconsistency with the
1308 state plan of conservation and development and the reasons therefor.

1309 [(c) The regional planning agency shall revise the plan of

1310 conservation and development not more than three years after July 1,
1311 2005.]

1312 [(d)] (c) The regional [planning agency] council of governments
1313 shall assist municipalities within its region and state agencies and may
1314 assist other public and private agencies in developing and carrying out
1315 any regional plan or plans of such regional [planning agency] council.
1316 The regional [planning agency] council of governments may provide
1317 administrative, management, technical or planning assistance to
1318 municipalities within its region and other public agencies under such
1319 terms as it may determine, provided, prior to entering into an
1320 agreement for assistance to any municipality or other public agency,
1321 the regional [planning agency] council of governments shall have
1322 adopted a policy governing such assistance. The regional [planning
1323 agency] council of governments may be compensated by the
1324 municipality or other public agency with which an agreement for
1325 assistance has been made for all or part of the cost of such assistance.

1326 Sec. 29. Section 8-35e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1327 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1328 (a) Two or more regional [planning agencies] councils of
1329 governments may establish one or more [interagency] intercouncil
1330 committees to recommend policies relating to matters of an
1331 interregional nature, provided each participating [agency] council shall
1332 have first adopted a resolution authorizing establishment of any such
1333 [interagency] intercouncil committees and defining the scope of its
1334 duties.

1335 (b) Two or more regional [planning agencies] councils of
1336 governments may share staff and staff from one [agency] council may
1337 work in the area of another [agency] council, provided each [agency]
1338 council involved in such a cooperative effort shall have first adopted a
1339 resolution authorizing such action and specifying the extent of
1340 cooperation and the terms under which it is to be provided.

1341 Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 8-37u of the general statutes is
1342 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1343 *January 1, 2015*):

1344 (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
1345 shall work with [regional planning agencies, regional councils of
1346 elected officials,] regional councils of governments, municipalities and
1347 municipal agencies, housing authorities and other appropriate
1348 agencies for the purpose of coordinating housing policy and housing
1349 activities, provided such coordination shall not be construed to restrict
1350 or diminish any power, right or authority granted to any municipality,
1351 agency, instrumentality, commission or any administrative or
1352 executive head thereof in accordance with the other provisions of the
1353 general statutes to proceed with any programs, projects or activities.

1354 Sec. 31. Subsection (f) of section 8-163 of the general statutes is
1355 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1356 *January 1, 2015*):

1357 (f) "Regional [planning agency]" council of governments" means the
1358 regional [planning agency] council of governments created under
1359 [chapter 127] section 4-124j, as amended by this act;

1360 Sec. 32. Section 8-165 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1361 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1362 In furtherance of the requirement of the federal act for an overall
1363 economic development program, the municipal economic
1364 development commission, if a redevelopment area consists of a single
1365 town or city within this state, shall be charged with the preparation
1366 and implementation of an overall economic development program. If a
1367 redevelopment area includes two or more towns or cities, the regional
1368 economic development commission including the several towns and
1369 cities defined in such an area shall prepare and implement an overall
1370 economic development program. In the preparation of such overall
1371 economic development program, the regional [planning agency, if

1372 any,] council of governments of which the municipality or several
1373 municipalities included within the redevelopment area are members [.]
1374 shall submit recommendations and comments upon such overall
1375 economic development program to the municipal or regional economic
1376 development commission submitting such program. In any such
1377 redevelopment area in which there is no municipal or regional
1378 economic development commission [which] that has submitted such
1379 an overall economic development program within one hundred and
1380 twenty days after designation of the area as a redevelopment area by
1381 the Secretary of Commerce, the regional [planning agency] council of
1382 governments shall prepare and submit an overall economic
1383 development program for such area. This shall not preclude the
1384 preparation and submission of an overall economic development
1385 program by any private or nonprofit organization or association
1386 representing the redevelopment area or any part thereof.
1387 Municipalities, municipal and regional economic development
1388 commissions and regional [planning agencies] councils of
1389 governments may accept federal grants and aid for preparation of such
1390 overall economic development programs.

1391 Sec. 33. Section 8-191 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1393 (a) Before the development agency adopts a plan for a development
1394 project, (1) the planning commission of the municipality shall find that
1395 the plan is in accord with the plan of development for the
1396 municipality; and (2) the regional [planning agency, if any,] council of
1397 governments for the region within which such municipality is located
1398 shall find that such plan is in accord with the plan of development for
1399 such region, or if such [agency] council fails to make a finding
1400 concerning the plan within thirty-five days of receipt of the plan by
1401 such [agency] council, it shall be presumed that such [agency] council
1402 does not disapprove of the plan; and (3) the development agency shall
1403 hold at least one public hearing on the plan. At least thirty-five days
1404 prior to any public hearing, the development agency shall post the

1405 plan on the Internet web site of the development agency, if any. Upon
1406 approval by the development agency, the agency shall submit the plan
1407 to the legislative body which shall vote to approve or disapprove the
1408 plan. After approval of the plan by the legislative body, the
1409 development agency shall submit the plan for approval to the
1410 commissioner. Notice of the time, place and subject of any public
1411 hearing held under this section shall be published once in a newspaper
1412 of general circulation in the municipality, such publication to be made
1413 not less than one week nor more than three weeks prior to the date set
1414 for the hearing. In the event the commissioner requires a substantial
1415 modification of the project plan before giving approval, then upon the
1416 completion of such modification such plan shall first have a public
1417 hearing and then be approved by the development agency and the
1418 legislative body. Any legislative body, agency or commission in
1419 approving a plan for a development project shall specifically approve
1420 the findings made in the plan.

1421 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section with respect to
1422 submission of a development project to and approval by the
1423 commissioner shall not apply to a project for which no grant has been
1424 made under section 8-190 and no application for a grant is to be made
1425 under section 8-195.

1426 Sec. 34. Subsection (c) of section 8-206 of the general statutes is
1427 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1428 *January 1, 2015*):

1429 (c) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
1430 may make available technical and financial assistance and advisory
1431 services to any municipality, municipal agency, local housing
1432 authority, human resource development agency, [regional planning
1433 agency, regional council of elected officials,] regional council of
1434 governments, housing sponsor, prospective housing sponsor or other
1435 appropriate agency, or the Connecticut Housing Authority, for any
1436 activity pertinent to the development, preservation, repair or

1437 rehabilitation of housing or for urban renewal, redevelopment or
1438 community development activities as defined in chapter 130, provided
1439 any financial assistance to a [regional planning agency,] regional
1440 council of governments [or a regional council of elected officials] shall
1441 have the prior approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
1442 Management, or his or her designee. Financial, technical or advisory
1443 assistance shall be rendered upon such contractual arrangements as
1444 may be agreed upon by the commissioner and any such municipality,
1445 agency, authority, council or sponsor in accordance with their
1446 respective needs.

1447 Sec. 35. Subsection (b) of section 8-385 of the general statutes is
1448 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1449 *January 1, 2015*):

1450 (b) The Housing Advisory Committee shall: (1) Advise the General
1451 Assembly, the Governor, the Commissioner of Economic and
1452 Community Development and the Connecticut Housing Finance
1453 Authority on matters relating to housing programs and policies; (2)
1454 provide legislative recommendations relating to housing matters to the
1455 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the
1456 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and the General Assembly; (3)
1457 monitor the housing-related activities of the regional [planning
1458 agencies under chapter 127] councils of governments; and (4) promote
1459 coordination on housing matters among state agencies.

1460 Sec. 36. Subdivision (77) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is
1461 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1462 *January 1, 2015*):

1463 (77) Real property belonging to, or held in trust for, [a regional
1464 council of elected officials established under sections 4-124c to 4-124f,
1465 inclusive,] a regional council of governments established under
1466 sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, [or a regional planning agency
1467 organized under sections 8-31a to 8-37b, inclusive,] provided (A) such

1468 property is used to advance the official duties of such council, [or
1469 agency,] and (B) the exemption for such property is approved by the
1470 municipality in which such property is located.

1471 Sec. 37. Subsection (b) of section 13b-16b of the general statutes is
1472 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1473 *January 1, 2015*):

1474 (b) The council shall consist of nineteen members as follows: (1) The
1475 Commissioner of Transportation, or his designee; (2) the chairpersons
1476 and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
1477 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, or
1478 their designees; (3) two members appointed by the Governor, one of
1479 whom shall be a representative of a regional [planning agency] council
1480 of governments and one of whom shall be a member of the public; (4)
1481 two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,
1482 one of whom shall be a chief elected official of a municipality in the
1483 southwest region of the state and one of whom shall be a
1484 representative of the motor transport industry; (5) two members
1485 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; one of whom shall be a
1486 chief elected official of a municipality in the southwest region of the
1487 state and one of whom shall be a representative of business and
1488 industry in the southwest region of the state; (6) two members
1489 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
1490 whom shall be a representative of business and industry in the
1491 southwest region of the state and one of whom shall be a
1492 representative of a southwestern Connecticut regional [planning
1493 agency] council of governments; (7) two members appointed by the
1494 majority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
1495 a representative of business and industry in the southwest region of
1496 the state and one of whom shall be a representative of an
1497 environmental or civic organization; (8) two members appointed by
1498 the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be a
1499 representative of an environmental organization in the southwest
1500 region of the state and one of whom shall be a representative of the

1501 Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council, established
1502 pursuant to section 13b-212b; and (9) two members appointed by the
1503 minority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
1504 a representative of a council of governments and one of whom shall be
1505 a public member.

1506 Sec. 38. Section 13b-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1507 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1508 The Commissioner of Transportation shall develop guidelines for
1509 the design and construction of roads and streets in residential
1510 subdivisions. Such guidelines shall be based upon considerations of
1511 safety, maintenance and cost effectiveness and shall be distributed to
1512 municipal [and regional] planning agencies and regional councils of
1513 governments throughout the state who may use such standards in the
1514 adoption of municipal subdivision regulations.

1515 Sec. 39. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 13b-57d of the
1516 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1517 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1518 (5) "Local planning agency" means a metropolitan planning
1519 organization, as provided in 23 USC 134, [a regional planning agency,
1520 as provided in section 8-31a,] or a [regional] council, [of elected
1521 officials,] as defined in subdivision [(2)] (4) of section 4-124i, as
1522 amended by this act; [, or a council, as defined in subsection (f) of
1523 section 4-124c;]

1524 Sec. 40. Section 13b-78l of the general statutes is repealed and the
1525 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1526 The Commissioner of Transportation shall:

1527 (1) Acquire not less than three hundred forty-two self-propelled rail
1528 cars for use on the New Haven Line;

1529 (2) Design and construct rail maintenance facilities to support the

1530 self-propelled rail cars;

1531 (3) Design and construct operational improvements to Interstate 95
1532 between Greenwich and North Stonington;

1533 (4) Purchase twenty-five transit buses; and

1534 (5) In consultation with cognizant metropolitan planning
1535 organizations [, regional planning agencies, regional councils of
1536 elected officials] and regional councils of governments, evaluate,
1537 design and construct transportation system improvements other than
1538 projects on Interstate 95.

1539 Sec. 41. Subsection (f) of section 13b-79p of the general statutes is
1540 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1541 *January 1, 2015*):

1542 (f) The commissioner is authorized to enter into grant and cost-
1543 sharing agreements with local governments, transit districts [, regional
1544 planning agencies] and councils of governments in connection with the
1545 implementation of projects funded pursuant to subsections (a) and (c)
1546 of this section.

1547 Sec. 42. Section 16-243z of the general statutes is repealed and the
1548 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1549 (a) For purposes of this section, ["regional planning agency" and
1550 "regional council of elected officials" have the same meanings as
1551 provided in section 4-124i,] "regional council of governments" has the
1552 same meaning as "council" in section 4-124i, as amended by this act,
1553 and "electric company" and "electric distribution company" have the
1554 same meanings as provided in section 16-1.

1555 (b) Upon the request of the geographic information systems or
1556 geospatial information systems analyst or coordinator, or any
1557 equivalent official, of any municipality or of [any regional planning
1558 agency, regional council of elected officials or] regional council of

1559 governments, an electric company or electric distribution company
1560 shall provide to such analyst, coordinator or official any geographic
1561 information systems or geospatial information systems data for such
1562 electric or electric distribution company's service area identifying
1563 utility pole data for poles owned or jointly owned by such company in
1564 such municipality or the area served by such [regional planning
1565 agency, regional council of elected officials or] regional council of
1566 governments. Such data shall include pole ownership, identification
1567 number, XY coordinate location, pole height, pole classification and
1568 wattage size of street lights or post lights.

1569 (c) Upon the request of a municipality for public safety reasons
1570 during an emergency, an electric company or electric distribution
1571 company may provide to such municipality the location of electric
1572 service accounts that are coded by such company as medical hardship
1573 accounts within such municipality.

1574 (d) Prior to receipt of data from an electric company or electric
1575 distribution company under this section, a municipality [, regional
1576 planning agency, regional council of elected officials] or regional
1577 council of governments shall demonstrate to such company that it has
1578 implemented appropriate procedures to protect the confidentiality of
1579 the information. Any data provided by such company to a
1580 municipality [, regional planning agency, regional council of elected
1581 officials] or regional council of governments pursuant to this section
1582 shall be used by such entity for internal use only, and shall not be
1583 publicly disclosed by the municipality [, regional planning agency,
1584 regional council of elected officials] or regional council of governments
1585 or be subject to any public disclosure requirement without the prior
1586 consent of the electric company or electric distribution company, as
1587 applicable, and shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of
1588 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

1589 Sec. 43. Section 16a-4a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1590 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1591 The Office of Policy and Management shall:

1592 (1) Formulate and prepare state-wide or interregional plans for the
1593 physical, social and economic development of the state. Such plans
1594 may be prepared jointly or in consultation with other state, interstate,
1595 federal, regional or local agencies. Such plans may include, but need
1596 not be limited to, (A) demographic projections, (B) economic
1597 projections, (C) land use and water considerations, (D) transportation
1598 requirements, (E) environmental considerations, (F) energy capabilities
1599 and requirements, (G) public facilities, (H) labor needs and skills, (I)
1600 educational objectives, (J) housing needs and (K) health needs;

1601 (2) Receive for review, information and recommendations, plans
1602 proposed by any state agency acting alone or jointly [which] that has
1603 among its duties planning responsibilities relating to those
1604 considerations set forth in subdivision (1) of this section or similar
1605 subjects;

1606 (3) Coordinate regional and state planning activities and accomplish
1607 such planning review activities as may be necessary;

1608 (4) Designate or redesignate logical planning regions within the
1609 state [and promote and assist in the promotion and continuation of
1610 regional planning agencies under chapter 127. Such planning regions
1611 shall be redesignated] in accordance with section 16a-4c;

1612 (5) Provide for technical aid and the administration of financial
1613 assistance to [regional planning agencies established under chapter 127
1614 or any regional council of elected officials in any region without a
1615 regional planning agency or] any regional council of governments
1616 organized under sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by
1617 this act, under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by
1618 the secretary;

1619 (6) Accept from any source funds, revenue or other consideration
1620 available to this state for interstate, state, regional, interregional or area

1621 planning activities or projects and provide for the administration of
1622 such funds, revenues or other consideration;

1623 (7) Make available to the public, for a reasonable fee, all reports,
1624 testing results and other material developed or procured as a result of
1625 activities authorized by this section, section 16a-14, as amended by this
1626 act, and section 16a-14b; and

1627 (8) Provide technical assistance to municipalities that want to
1628 aggregate electric generation services.

1629 Sec. 44. Section 22-26j of the general statutes is repealed and the
1630 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1631 The Department of Agriculture shall establish and administer a
1632 farm viability matching grant program to any agricultural not-for-
1633 profit organization, municipality, group of municipalities, [regional
1634 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127,
1635 regional council of elected officials organized under the provisions of
1636 chapter 50,] regional council of governments organized under the
1637 provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this
1638 act, or group of municipalities [which] that have established a regional
1639 interlocal agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, to
1640 further agricultural viability. Such grants may be used for the
1641 following purposes: (1) Local capital projects that foster agricultural
1642 viability, including, but not limited to, processing facilities and
1643 farmers' markets; (2) the development and implementation of
1644 agriculturally-friendly land use regulations and local farmland
1645 protection strategies that sustain and promote local agriculture; and (3)
1646 the development of new marketing programs and venues through or
1647 in which a majority of products sold are grown in the state.

1648 Sec. 45. Section 22a-134l of the general statutes is repealed and the
1649 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1650 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may,

1651 within available appropriations, make a grant or loan to any
1652 municipality, group of municipalities, [regional planning agency
1653 organized under the provisions of chapter 127, regional council of
1654 elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter 50,] regional
1655 council of government organized under the provisions of sections 4-
1656 124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act, or group of
1657 municipalities [which] that have established a regional interlocal
1658 agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, for the
1659 planning of regional facilities for the purpose of collection and disposal
1660 of household hazardous waste. The commissioner may adopt
1661 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry
1662 out the purposes of this section.

1663 Sec. 46. Section 22a-134m of the general statutes is repealed and the
1664 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1665 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
1666 coordinate a program of chemical disposal days for the collection and
1667 disposal of hazardous household chemicals in any municipality or
1668 group of municipalities [, in the area of operation of any regional
1669 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, in the
1670 planning region of any regional council of elected officials organized
1671 under the provisions of chapter 50,] or in the participating towns in
1672 any regional council of government organized under the provisions of
1673 sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act. The
1674 commissioner shall develop guidelines for such chemical disposal
1675 days.

1676 Sec. 47. Subsection (a) of section 22a-134n of the general statutes is
1677 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1678 *January 1, 2015*):

1679 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
1680 may, within available appropriations, make a grant to any
1681 municipality, any group of municipalities [, any regional planning

1682 agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, any regional
1683 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter
1684 50,] or any regional council of government organized under the
1685 provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this
1686 act, sponsoring a chemical disposal day. The grant shall be not more
1687 than fifty per cent of the cost to the grantee of conducting such
1688 chemical disposal day. An application for a grant shall include a plan
1689 for a chemical disposal day which shall comply with any guidelines
1690 developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-134m, as
1691 amended by this act.

1692 Sec. 48. Subsection (a) of section 22a-134o of the general statutes is
1693 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1694 *January 1, 2015*):

1695 (a) Any municipality, any group of municipalities [, any regional
1696 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, any
1697 regional council of elected officials organized under the provisions of
1698 chapter 50,] or any regional council of government organized under
1699 the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by
1700 this act, sponsoring a chemical disposal day shall enter into a contract
1701 with a hazardous waste transporter or waste collection company
1702 licensed under section 22a-454 to dispose of the hazardous waste
1703 collected during a chemical disposal day. Such contract shall (1) make
1704 the transporter or company, upon receipt of hazardous waste, liable
1705 for any violation of a federal or state statute concerning the generation,
1706 transportation or disposal of hazardous waste, (2) identify the
1707 transporter or company as the generator of hazardous waste collected
1708 and (3) make the transporter or company responsible for providing
1709 material and equipment for handling, labeling, loading and
1710 transporting hazardous waste.

1711 Sec. 49. Section 22a-223 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1712 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1713 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may,
1714 from proceeds of the sale of state bonds allocated by the State Bond
1715 Commission to the Department of Energy and Environmental
1716 Protection in accordance with subdivision (8) of subsection (e) of
1717 section 2 of special act 82-46, provide funds to any municipality, any
1718 group of municipalities [, any regional planning agency organized
1719 under the provisions of chapter 127, any regional council of elected
1720 officials organized under the provisions of chapter 50] or any regional
1721 council of governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-
1722 124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act, for a preliminary
1723 feasibility study of an energy recovery system or an incinerator. Any
1724 such study shall be prepared in consultation with said commissioner
1725 and shall include but not be limited to an investigation of the markets
1726 for the system, identification of the waste stream, cost estimates of
1727 system construction and the cost per ton of solid waste disposal. The
1728 amount of such funds granted for any single study shall not exceed
1729 eighty per cent of the total cost of such study and in no event shall the
1730 total amount granted for any single study exceed twenty-five thousand
1731 dollars.

1732 Sec. 50. Section 22a-353 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1733 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1734 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his or her
1735 designee shall be the contractor for the purposes of sections 22a-352 to
1736 22a-354, inclusive, and may engage consultants or arrange for other
1737 technical assistance to implement the work program, and within the
1738 limitations of the budget, developed under subdivision (1) of
1739 subsection (a) of section 22a-352. The Secretary of the Office of Policy
1740 and Management, or his or her designee, may make grants to any
1741 [regional planning agency established under authority of chapter 127,
1742 any regional council of elected officials in any region where there is no
1743 regional planning agency or any] regional council of governments
1744 organized under sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by
1745 this act, for the purpose of preparing regional plans for water and

1746 sewer facilities. Such grants may cover retroactively work initiated by
1747 a regional planning agency after January 1, 1967. The Secretary of the
1748 Office of Policy and Management or his or her designee shall apply for
1749 any and all funds available from the federal government to support
1750 such planning work and shall see that regional [planning agencies,
1751 regional councils of elected officials or] councils of government
1752 receiving state grants take similar advantage of available federal funds
1753 in order to reduce expenditure of funds appropriated under section
1754 22a-354, provided utilization of such federal funds shall not unduly
1755 delay the conduct of said study.

1756 Sec. 51. Subsection (b) of section 23-101 of the general statutes is
1757 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1758 *January 1, 2015*):

1759 (b) There is established a greenways small grants program which
1760 shall be administered by the Commissioner of Energy and
1761 Environmental Protection. The commissioner may, within available
1762 appropriations, make a grant to any municipality [, regional planning
1763 agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, any regional
1764 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter
1765 50,] or any regional council of government organized under the
1766 provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this
1767 act, and nongovernmental organizations for planning, design and
1768 implementation of greenway projects. Any grant shall be not more
1769 than five thousand dollars and the total amount of all grants under this
1770 subsection shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars in any fiscal year.
1771 Land acquisition costs shall not be eligible for reimbursement with
1772 grants under this section.

1773 Sec. 52. Subdivision (1) of section 25-68j of the general statutes is
1774 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1775 *January 1, 2015*):

1776 (1) "Eligible applicant" means any municipality [, regional planning

1777 agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127, any regional
1778 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter
1779 50,] or any regional council of government organized under the
1780 provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this
1781 act;

1782 Sec. 53. Subsection (e) of section 25-204 of the general statutes is
1783 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1784 *January 1, 2015*):

1785 (e) After adoption pursuant to subsection (d) of this section of an
1786 inventory, statement of objectives and map, the river committee shall
1787 prepare a report on all federal, state and municipal laws, plans,
1788 programs and proposed activities which may affect the river corridor
1789 defined in such map. Such laws shall include regulations adopted
1790 pursuant to chapter 440 and zoning, subdivision and site plan
1791 regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-3. Such plans shall include
1792 plans of conservation and development adopted pursuant to section 8-
1793 23, as amended by this act, the state plan for conservation and
1794 development, water utility supply plans adopted pursuant to section
1795 25-32d, coordinated water system plans adopted pursuant to section
1796 25-33h, municipal open space plans, the commissioner's fish and
1797 wildlife plans, the master transportation plan adopted pursuant to
1798 section 13b-15, [plans prepared by regional planning agencies
1799 pursuant to section 8-31a,] and publicly-owned wastewater treatment
1800 facility plans. State and regional agencies shall, within available
1801 resources, assist the river committee in identifying such laws, plans,
1802 programs and proposed activities. The report to be prepared pursuant
1803 to this section shall identify any conflicts between such federal, state,
1804 regional and municipal laws, plans, programs and proposed activities
1805 and the river committee's objectives for river corridor protection and
1806 preservation as reflected in the statement of objectives. If conflicts are
1807 identified, the river committee shall notify the applicable state,
1808 regional or municipal agencies and such agencies shall, within
1809 available resources, attempt with the river commission to resolve such

1810 conflicts.

1811 Sec. 54. Subsection (b) of section 32-1c of the general statutes is
1812 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1813 *January 1, 2015*):

1814 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
1815 may make available technical and financial assistance and advisory
1816 services to any appropriate agency, authority, [or] commission or
1817 council for planning and other functions pertinent to economic
1818 development provided any financial assistance to a [regional planning
1819 agency or a regional council of elected officials] regional council of
1820 governments shall have the prior approval of the Secretary of the
1821 Office of Policy and Management or his designee. Financial assistance
1822 shall be rendered upon such contractual arrangements as may be
1823 agreed upon by the commissioner and any such agency, authority, [or]
1824 commission or council in accordance with their respective needs, and
1825 the commissioner may determine the qualifications of personnel or
1826 consultants to be engaged for such assistance.

1827 Sec. 55. Subsection (a) of section 32-7 of the general statutes is
1828 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1829 *January 1, 2015*):

1830 (a) The department is authorized to (1) promote and assist the
1831 formation of municipal or regional economic development
1832 commissions under sections 7-136 and 7-137, or any other provision of
1833 the general statutes or any special act; and (2) make available technical
1834 and financial assistance to any municipal or regional economic
1835 development commission, regional economic development
1836 corporation [, regional planning agency organized under the
1837 provisions of chapter 127,] or a regional council of governments
1838 organized under sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive. [, or any regional
1839 council of elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter
1840 50 for planning and implementation of regional economic

1841 development.] Such financial assistance may be provided to expand or
1842 establish the capacity for planning and implementation of regional
1843 economic development, including, but not limited to, business
1844 retention and recruitment, infrastructure enhancement, labor force
1845 development and financial credit availability. Financial assistance may
1846 be used for strategic economic development plans, establishment of
1847 regional economic databases, regional marketing for business retention
1848 and recruitment, coordination of economic development efforts with
1849 regional, local, state and federal agencies, surveys, land use studies,
1850 site development plans and for any other functions of economic
1851 development commissions as set forth in said sections 7-136 and 7-137
1852 or any other provision of the general statutes or any special act.

1853 Sec. 56. Subsection (p) of section 32-23d of the general statutes is
1854 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1855 *January 1, 2015*):

1856 (p) "Regional [planning agency]" council of governments" means a
1857 regional [planning agency] council of governments created under
1858 [chapter 127] section 4-124j, as amended by this act.

1859 Sec. 57. Section 32-23e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1860 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

1861 To accomplish the purposes of the corporation, which are hereby
1862 determined to be public purposes for which public funds may be
1863 expended, and in addition to any other powers provided by law, the
1864 corporation shall have power to: (1) Determine the location and
1865 character of any project to be financed under the provisions of said
1866 chapters and sections, provided any financial assistance shall be
1867 approved in accordance with written procedures prepared pursuant to
1868 subdivision (14) of this section; (2) purchase, receive, by gift or
1869 otherwise, lease, exchange, or otherwise acquire, and construct,
1870 reconstruct, improve, maintain, equip and furnish one or more
1871 projects, including all real and personal property which the

1872 corporation may deem necessary in connection therewith, and to enter
1873 into a contract with a person therefor upon such terms and conditions
1874 as the corporation shall determine to be reasonable, including but not
1875 limited to reimbursement for the planning, designing, financing,
1876 construction, reconstruction, improvement, equipping, furnishing,
1877 operation and maintenance of the project and any claims arising
1878 therefrom and establishment and maintenance of reserve and
1879 insurance funds with respect to the financing of the project; (3) insure
1880 any or all payments to be made by the borrower under the terms of
1881 any agreement for the extension of credit or making of a loan by the
1882 corporation in connection with any economic development project to
1883 be financed, wholly or in part, through the issuance of bonds or
1884 mortgage payments of any mortgage which is given by a mortgagor to
1885 the mortgagee who has provided the mortgage for an economic
1886 development project upon such terms and conditions as the
1887 corporation may prescribe and as provided herein, and the faith and
1888 credit of the state are pledged thereto; (4) in connection with the
1889 insuring of payments of any mortgage, request for its guidance a
1890 finding of the municipal planning commission, or, if there is no
1891 planning commission, a finding of the municipal officers, of the
1892 municipality in which the economic development project is proposed
1893 to be located, or of the regional [planning agency] council of
1894 governments of which such municipality is a member, as to the
1895 expediency and advisability of the economic development project; (5)
1896 sell or lease to any person, all or any portion of a project, purchase
1897 from eligible financial institutions mortgages with respect to economic
1898 development projects, purchase or repurchase its own bonds, and sell,
1899 pledge or assign to any person any such bonds, mortgages, or other
1900 loans, notes, revenues or assets of the corporation, or any interest
1901 therein, for such consideration and upon such terms as the corporation
1902 may determine to be reasonable; (6) mortgage or otherwise encumber
1903 all or any portion of a project whenever it shall find such action to be
1904 in furtherance of the purposes of said chapters and sections; (7) enter
1905 into agreements with any person, including prospective mortgagees

1906 and mortgagors, for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing,
1907 acquiring, altering and financing projects, providing liquidity or a
1908 secondary market for mortgages or other financial obligations incurred
1909 with respect to facilities which would qualify as a project under this
1910 chapter, purchasing loans made by regional corporations under section
1911 32-276, or for any other purpose in furtherance of any other power of
1912 the corporation; (8) grant options to purchase or renew a lease for any
1913 of its projects on such terms as the corporation may determine to be
1914 reasonable; (9) employ or retain attorneys, accountants and
1915 architectural, engineering and financial consultants and such other
1916 employees and agents and to fix their compensation and to employ the
1917 Connecticut Development Credit Corporation on a cost basis as it shall
1918 deem necessary to assist it in carrying out the purposes of said
1919 corporation legislation; (10) accept from a federal agency loans, grants
1920 or loan guarantees or otherwise participate in any loan, grant, loan
1921 guarantee or other financing or economic or project development
1922 program of a federal agency in furtherance of, and consistent with, the
1923 purposes of the corporation, and enter into agreements with such
1924 agency respecting any such loans, grants, loan guarantees or federal
1925 agency programs; (11) provide tenant lease guarantees and
1926 performance guarantees, invest in, extend credit or make loans to any
1927 person for the planning, designing, financing, acquiring, constructing,
1928 reconstructing, improving, expanding, continuing in operation,
1929 equipping and furnishing of a project and for the refinancing of
1930 existing indebtedness with respect to any facility or part thereof which
1931 would qualify as a project in order to facilitate substantial
1932 improvements thereto, which guarantees, investments, credits or loans
1933 may be secured by loan agreements, lease agreements, installment sale
1934 agreements, mortgages, contracts and all other instruments or fees and
1935 charges, upon such terms and conditions as the corporation shall
1936 determine to be reasonable in connection with such loans, including
1937 provision for the establishment and maintenance of reserve and
1938 insurance funds and in the exercise of powers granted in this section in
1939 connection with a project for such person, to require the inclusion in

1940 any contract, loan agreement or other instrument, such provisions for
1941 the construction, use, operation and maintenance and financing of a
1942 project as the corporation may deem necessary or desirable; (12) in
1943 connection with any application for assistance under said corporation
1944 legislation, or commitments therefor, to make and collect such fees and
1945 charges as the corporation shall determine to be reasonable; (13) adopt
1946 procedures, in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121, to carry
1947 out the purposes of the corporation, which may give priority to
1948 applications for financial assistance based upon the extent the project
1949 will materially contribute to the economic base of the state by creating
1950 or retaining jobs, providing increased wages or benefits to employees,
1951 promoting the export of products or services beyond the boundaries of
1952 the state, encouraging innovation in products or services, encouraging
1953 defense-dependent business to diversify to nondefense production,
1954 promoting standards of participation adopted by the Connecticut
1955 partnership compact pursuant to section 33-374g of the general
1956 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to 1991, or will otherwise enhance
1957 existing activities that are important to the economic base of the state,
1958 provided regulation-making proceedings commenced before January
1959 1, 1989, shall be governed by sections 4-166 to 4-174, inclusive; (14)
1960 maintain an office at such place or places within the state as it may
1961 designate; (15) when it becomes necessary or feasible for the
1962 corporation to safeguard itself from losses, acquire, purchase, manage
1963 and operate, hold and dispose of real and personal property, take
1964 assignments of rentals and leases and make and enter into all
1965 contracts, leases, agreements and arrangements necessary or incidental
1966 to the performance of its duties; (16) in order to further the purposes of
1967 the corporation, or to assure the payment of the principal and interest
1968 on bonds or notes of the corporation or to safeguard the mortgage
1969 insurance fund, purchase, acquire and take assignments of notes,
1970 mortgages and other forms of security and evidences of indebtedness,
1971 purchase, acquire, attach, seize, accept or take title to any project by
1972 conveyance or, by foreclosure, and sell, lease or rent any project for a
1973 use specified in said chapters and sections or in this chapter; (17) do, or

1974 delegate, any and all things necessary or convenient to carry out the
1975 purposes and to exercise the powers given and granted to the
1976 corporation; (18) to accept from the department: (A) Financial
1977 assistance, (B) revenues or the right to receive revenues with respect to
1978 any program under the supervision of the department, and (C) loan
1979 assets or equity interests in connection with any program under the
1980 supervision of the department; to make advances to and reimburse the
1981 department for any expenses incurred or to be incurred by it in the
1982 delivery of such assistance, revenues, rights, assets or amounts; to
1983 enter into agreements for the delivery of services by the corporation, in
1984 consultation with the department and the Connecticut Housing
1985 Finance Authority, to third parties which agreements may include
1986 provisions for payment by the department to the corporation for the
1987 delivery of such services; and to enter into agreements with the
1988 department or with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for the
1989 sharing of assistants, agents and other consultants, professionals and
1990 employees, and facilities and other real and personal property used in
1991 the conduct of the corporation's affairs; and (19) to transfer to the
1992 department: (A) Financial assistance, (B) revenues or the right to
1993 receive revenues with respect to any program under the supervision of
1994 the corporation, and (C) loan assets or equity interests in connection
1995 with any program under the supervision of the corporation, provided
1996 the transfer of such financial assistance, revenues, rights, assets or
1997 interests is determined by the corporation to be practicable, within the
1998 constraints and not inconsistent with the fiduciary obligations of the
1999 corporation imposed upon or established upon the corporation by any
2000 provision of the general statutes, the corporation's bond resolutions or
2001 any other agreement or contract of the authority and to have no
2002 adverse effect on the tax-exempt status of any bonds of the corporation
2003 or the state.

2004 Sec. 58. Subsection (h) of section 32-222 of the general statutes is
2005 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2006 *January 1, 2015*):

2007 (h) "Eligible applicant" means any for-profit or nonprofit
2008 organization, or any combination thereof, any municipality, regional
2009 [planning agency] council of governments or any combination thereof
2010 and further provided, in the case of a loan made by Connecticut
2011 Innovations, Incorporated in which the department purchases a
2012 participation interest, "eligible applicant" means the for-profit or
2013 nonprofit organization, or any combination thereof, that will receive
2014 the proceeds of such loan;

2015 Sec. 59. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 32-224 of the general
2016 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
2017 (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2018 (b) The implementing agency may initiate a municipal development
2019 project by preparing and submitting a development plan to the
2020 commissioner. Such plan shall meet an identified public need and
2021 include: (1) A legal description of the real property within the
2022 boundaries of the project area; (2) a description of the present
2023 condition and uses of such real property; (3) a description of the
2024 process utilized by the agency to prepare the plan and a description of
2025 alternative approaches considered to achieve project objectives; (4) a
2026 description of the types and locations of land uses or building uses
2027 proposed for the project area; (5) a description of the types and
2028 locations of present and proposed streets, sidewalks and sanitary,
2029 utility and other facilities and the types and locations of other
2030 proposed project improvements; (6) statements of the present and
2031 proposed zoning classification and subdivision status of the project
2032 area and the areas adjacent to the project area; (7) a plan for relocating
2033 project area occupants; (8) a financing plan; (9) an administrative plan;
2034 (10) an environmental analysis, marketability and proposed land use
2035 study, or building use study if required by the commissioner; (11)
2036 appraisal reports and title searches if required by the commissioner;
2037 (12) a description of the public benefit of the project, including, but not
2038 limited to, (A) the number of jobs which the implementing agency
2039 anticipates would be created or retained by the project, (B) the

2040 estimated property tax benefits, (C) the number and types of existing
2041 housing units in the municipality in which the project would be
2042 located, and in contiguous municipalities, which would be available to
2043 employees filling such jobs, (D) a general description of infrastructure
2044 improvements, including public access, facilities or use, that the
2045 implementing agency anticipates may be needed to implement the
2046 development plan, (E) a general description of the implementing
2047 agency's goals for blight remediation or, if known, environmental
2048 remediation, (F) a general description of any aesthetic improvements
2049 that the implementing agency anticipates may be generated by the
2050 project, (G) a general description of the project's intended role in
2051 increasing or sustaining market value of land in the municipality, (H) a
2052 general description of the project's intended role in assisting residents
2053 of the municipality to improve their standard of living, and (I) a
2054 general statement of the project's role in maintaining or enhancing the
2055 competitiveness of the municipality; (13) a finding that (A) the land
2056 and buildings within the boundaries of the project area will be used
2057 principally for manufacturing or other economic base business
2058 purposes or business support services; (B) the plan is in accordance
2059 with the plan of conservation and development for the municipality, if
2060 any, adopted by its planning commission under section 8-23, as
2061 amended by this act, and the plan of development of the regional
2062 [planning agency] council of governments adopted under section 8-
2063 35a, as amended by this act, if any, for the region within which the
2064 municipality is located; (C) the plan was prepared giving due
2065 consideration to the state plan of conservation and development
2066 adopted under chapter 297 and other state-wide planning program
2067 objectives of the state or state agencies as coordinated by the Secretary
2068 of the Office of Policy and Management; and (D) the project will
2069 contribute to the economic welfare of the municipality and the state
2070 and that to carry out and administer the project, public action under
2071 sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, is required; and (14) a preliminary
2072 statement describing the proposed process for acquiring each parcel of
2073 real property, including findings that (A) public benefits resulting

2074 from the plan will outweigh any private benefits; (B) existing use of the
2075 real property cannot be feasibly integrated into the overall plan for the
2076 project; (C) acquisition by eminent domain is reasonably necessary to
2077 successfully achieve the objectives of such plan; and (D) the plan is not
2078 for the primary purpose of increasing local tax revenues. The
2079 provisions of this subsection with respect to submission of a
2080 development plan to and approval by the commissioner and with
2081 respect to a finding that the plan was prepared giving due
2082 consideration to the state plan of conservation and development and
2083 state-wide planning program objectives of the state or its agencies shall
2084 not apply to a project for which no financial assistance has been given
2085 and no application for financial assistance is to be made under section
2086 32-223. Any plan that has been prepared under chapters 130, 132 or
2087 588a may be submitted by the implementing agency to the legislative
2088 body of the municipality and to the commissioner in lieu of a plan
2089 initiated and prepared in accordance with this section, provided all
2090 other requirements of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, for obtaining
2091 the approval of the commissioner of the development plan are
2092 satisfied. Any action taken in connection with the preparation and
2093 adoption of such plan shall be deemed effective to the extent such
2094 action satisfies the requirements of said sections.

2095 (c) (1) No plan shall be adopted unless the planning commission of
2096 the municipality finds that the plan is in accord with the plan of
2097 development, if any, for the municipality and the regional [planning
2098 agency, if any,] council of governments organized under [chapter 127]
2099 section 4-124j, as amended by this act, for the region within which such
2100 municipality is located finds that such plan is in accord with the plan
2101 of development, if any, for such region. If the regional [planning
2102 agency] council of governments fails to make a finding concerning the
2103 plan within thirty-five days of receipt thereof, by such [agency]
2104 council, it shall be presumed that such [agency] council does not
2105 disapprove of the plan. The implementing agency shall hold at least
2106 one public hearing on the plan and shall cause notice of the time, place,

2107 and subject of any public hearing to be published at least once in a
2108 newspaper of general circulation in the municipality not less than one
2109 week nor more than three weeks prior to the date of such public
2110 hearing. At least thirty-five days prior to the public hearing, the
2111 implementing agency shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the
2112 implementing agency, if any. Upon adoption of the plan the
2113 implementing agency shall submit the plan to the legislative body of
2114 the municipality for approval or disapproval. Any approval by the
2115 implementing agency and legislative body of the municipality made
2116 under this section shall specifically provide for approval of any
2117 findings contained therein. After approval of the plan by the legislative
2118 body of the municipality, the plan shall be submitted to the
2119 commissioner for his approval. If the commissioner requires a
2120 substantial modification of the plan as a condition of approval, the
2121 plan shall be subject to a public hearing and approval by the
2122 implementing agency and the legislative body of the municipality in
2123 accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

2124 (2) The plan shall be effective for a period of ten years after the date
2125 of approval and may be amended in accordance with this section. The
2126 legislative body shall review the plan at least once every ten years after
2127 the initial approval, and shall reapprove the plan or an amended plan
2128 at least once every ten years after the initial approval in accordance
2129 with this section in order for the plan or amended plan to remain in
2130 effect. With respect to a development plan for a project that is funded
2131 in whole or in part by federal funds, the provisions of this subdivision
2132 shall not apply to the extent that such provisions are prohibited by
2133 federal law.

2134 Sec. 60. Subdivision (2) of section 32-327 of the general statutes is
2135 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2136 *January 1, 2015*):

2137 (2) "Agency" means any regional economic development
2138 commission formed under sections 7-136 and 7-137, other regional

2139 development commission or corporation formed under any other
2140 provision of the general statutes or any special act, [any regional
2141 planning agency organized under the provisions of chapter 127,] or
2142 any regional council of governments organized under sections 4-124i
2143 to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this act, [or any regional council of
2144 elected officials organized under the provisions of chapter 50 for
2145 planning and implementation of regional economic development,]
2146 except that for purposes of financial assistance for greenways projects,
2147 "agency" means a municipality or other organizations.

2148 Sec. 61. Section 4-124p of the general statutes is repealed and the
2149 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2150 Each regional council of governments established under the
2151 provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, as amended by this
2152 act, is authorized to receive for its own use and purposes any funds
2153 from any source including the state and federal governments and
2154 including bequests, gifts and contributions made by any individual,
2155 corporation or association. Any town, city or borough participating in
2156 a regional council of governments shall annually appropriate funds for
2157 the expenses of such council in the performance of its purposes. Such
2158 funds shall be appropriated and paid in accordance with a dues
2159 formula established by the regional council of governments. Such
2160 council may withhold any services it deems advisable from any town,
2161 city or borough which has failed to pay such dues. Within the amount
2162 so received, a council may engage employees, and contract with
2163 professional consultants, municipalities, the state and the federal
2164 governments, other regional councils of governments [, regional
2165 councils of elected officials, regional planning agencies] and other
2166 intertown, regional or metropolitan agencies, or with any one or more
2167 of them, and may enter into contracts from time to time to carry out its
2168 purposes. Any such contract shall be approved by action of the
2169 regional council of governments in a manner prescribed by the council.
2170 [Any regional council of governments may enter into a contract to
2171 carry out its purpose with any other regional council of governments,

2172 any regional council of elected officials, established under sections 4-
2173 124c to 4-124h, inclusive, or any regional planning agency formed
2174 under section 8-31a.] The accounts of any regional council of
2175 governments shall be subject to an annual audit under the provisions
2176 of chapter 111 and such council shall file an annual report with the
2177 clerks of its member towns, cities or boroughs, with planning
2178 commissions, if any, of members, and with the Secretary of the Office
2179 of Policy and Management, or his designee.

2180 Sec. 62. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) (1) Wherever the term
2181 "regional planning agency" is used in the following general statutes,
2182 the term "regional council of governments" shall be substituted in lieu
2183 thereof; and (2) wherever the term "regional planning agencies" is used
2184 in the following general statutes, the term "regional councils of
2185 governments" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 8-35b, 8-36c, 8-164, 8-
2186 166, 8-189, 8-336f, 8-384, 13b-38a, 13b-79ll, 16-32f, 16-50l, 16-358, 16a-28,
2187 16a-35c, 22-26dd, 22a-102, 22a-118, 22a-137, 22a-207, 22a-211, 22a-352,
2188 23-8, 25-33e, 22-33f to 25-33h, inclusive, 25-68d, 25-102qq and 25-233.

2189 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying the
2190 provisions of this section, make such technical, grammatical and
2191 punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this
2192 section.

2193 Sec. 63. Section 16a-4c of the general statutes, as amended by section
2194 1 of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
2195 (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2196 (a) On or before January 1, 2015, any regional planning agency
2197 [created pursuant to sections 8-31a to 8-37a, inclusive,] and any
2198 regional council of elected officials [, as defined in subdivision (2) of
2199 section 4-124i, as amended by this act,] shall be restructured to form a
2200 regional council of governments as provided in section 4-124j, as
2201 amended by this act, and the boundaries of planning regions
2202 designated pursuant to section 16a-4a, as amended by this act, shall

2203 conform to the boundaries of the eight Connecticut counties
2204 constituted pursuant to section 6-1, except as otherwise provided in
2205 subsection (b) or (c) of this section.

2206 (b) On or before July 1, 2014, the legislative body of any town
2207 bordering a county line may determine the adjacent region of which to
2208 become a member.

2209 (c) On or before January 1, 2015, any two or more counties may
2210 voluntarily consolidate to form a single regional council of
2211 governments.

2212 (d) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in
2213 any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision
2214 of the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or
2215 program made available to counties by any other governmental or
2216 private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public
2217 act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement
2218 with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to
2219 provide, alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service,
2220 activity or undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by
2221 law to perform. A regional council of governments established
2222 pursuant to this section may administer and provide regional services
2223 to municipalities and may delegate such authority to subregional
2224 groups of such municipalities. Regional services provided to member
2225 municipalities shall be determined by each regional council of
2226 governments and may include, without limitation, the following
2227 services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning; (3) economic
2228 development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency management; (6) animal
2229 control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism promotion; (9) social;
2230 (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management; (13) regional
2231 sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16) household
2232 hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility siting;
2233 (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and
2234 development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23)

2235 regional resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25)
2236 transportation.

2237 Sec. 64. Section 16a-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2238 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2239 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall employ,
2240 subject to the provisions of chapter 67, such staff as is required for the
2241 proper discharge of duties of the office as set forth in this chapter and
2242 sections 4-5, 4-124l, as amended by this act, 8-3b, as amended by this
2243 act, [8-32a, 8-33a,] 8-35a, as amended by this act, and 8-189, subsection
2244 (b) of section 8-206 and sections 16a-20, 16a-102, 22a-352 and 22a-353, as
2245 amended by this act. The secretary may adopt, pursuant to chapter
2246 54, such regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this
2247 chapter.

2248 Sec. 65. Section 16a-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2249 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2250 Each department, office, board, commission, council or other agency
2251 of the state and each officer or employee shall cooperate with the
2252 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and shall
2253 furnish him such information, personnel and assistance as may be
2254 necessary or appropriate in the discharge of the responsibilities of said
2255 commissioner and the board under this chapter and sections 4-5, 4-
2256 124l, as amended by this act, 4-124p, as amended by this act, 8-3b, as
2257 amended by this act, [8-32a, 8-33a,] 8-35a and 8-189, subsection (b) of
2258 section 8-206 and sections 16a-20, 16a-102, 22a-352 and 22a-353, as
2259 amended by this act. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
2260 require each person applying for a license under section 14-319 to
2261 submit in his application the information which persons registering
2262 under section 16a-22d are required to submit. The Commissioner of
2263 Motor Vehicles shall furnish the Commissioner of Energy and
2264 Environmental Protection with such information.

2265 Sec. 66. Section 16a-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the

2266 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

2267 In addition to the duties set forth in any other law, the
2268 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may: (1) Be
2269 designated as the state official to implement and execute any federal
2270 program, law, order, rule or regulation related to the allocation,
2271 rationing, conservation, distribution or consumption of energy
2272 resources, (2) investigate any complaint concerning the violation of
2273 any federal or state statute, rule, regulation or order pertaining to
2274 pricing, allocation, rationing, conservation, distribution or
2275 consumption of energy resources and shall transmit any evidence
2276 gathered by such investigation to the proper federal or state
2277 authorities, (3) coordinate all state and local government programs for
2278 the allocation, rationing, conservation, distribution and consumption
2279 of energy resources, (4) cooperate with the appropriate authorities of
2280 the United States government, or other state or interstate agencies with
2281 respect to allocation, rationing, conservation, distribution and
2282 consumption of energy resources, (5) conduct programs of public
2283 education regarding energy conservation, (6) carry out a program of
2284 studies, hearings, inquiries, surveys and analyses necessary to carry
2285 out the purposes of this chapter and sections [4-124c,] 4-124i, as
2286 amended by this act, 4-124l, as amended by this act, 4-124p, as
2287 amended by this act, 8-3b, as amended by this act, [8-31a, 8-32a, 8-33a,]
2288 8-35a, as amended by this act, [8-37a] and 8-189, subsection (b) of
2289 section 8-206 and sections 16a-20, 16a-102, 22a-352 and 22a-353, as
2290 amended by this act, provided if an individual or business furnishing
2291 commercial or financial information concerning such individual or
2292 business requests in writing at the time such information is furnished
2293 that it be treated as confidential proprietary information, such
2294 information, to the extent that it is limited to (A) volume of sales,
2295 shipments, receipts and exchanges of energy resources, (B) inventories
2296 of energy resources, and (C) local distribution patterns of energy
2297 resources, shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of
2298 section 1-210, (7) enter into contracts with any person to do all things

2299 necessary or convenient to carry out the functions, powers and duties
2300 of the commissioner and the Department of Energy and
2301 Environmental Protection under this chapter and sections 4-5, 4-124l,
2302 as amended by this act, 4-124p, as amended by this act, 8-3b, as
2303 amended by this act, [8-32a, 8-33a,] 8-35a, as amended by this act, and
2304 8-189, subsection (b) of section 8-206 and sections 16a-20, 16a-102, 22a-
2305 352 and 22a-353, as amended by this act, (8) adopt regulations, in
2306 accordance with chapter 54, to establish standards for solar energy
2307 systems, including experimental systems, which offer practical
2308 alternatives to the use of conventional energy with regard to current
2309 technological feasibility and the climate of this state, and (9) undertake
2310 such other duties and responsibilities as may be delegated by other
2311 state statutes or by the Governor.

2312 Sec. 67. Subsection (a) of section 22a-285a of the general statutes is
2313 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2314 *January 1, 2015*):

2315 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
2316 special act or municipal charter, on or after December 1, 1990, the
2317 Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, acting by itself or through
2318 a regional resources recovery authority, may establish an ash residue
2319 disposal area on all or part of not more than two sites east of the
2320 Connecticut River and two sites west of the Connecticut River,
2321 provided such sites (1) are not owned or operated by the authority on
2322 July 5, 1989, and (2) are identified in table 8 of the report prepared
2323 pursuant to section 22a-228b entitled "Identification of Potential Ash
2324 Residue Disposal Sites" and dated January, 1989, or determined by the
2325 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to be capable
2326 of meeting the siting criteria described in said report. No site shall be
2327 located within four miles of any ash residue disposal area owned or
2328 operated by the authority on January 1, 1989, or in any municipality in
2329 which a resources recovery facility and an ash residue disposal area
2330 are located and not more than one site shall be established in any one
2331 regional planning area as defined by the Secretary of the Office of

2332 Policy and Management pursuant to section [8-31a] 16a-4c, as
 2333 amended by this act.

2334 Sec. 68. Sections 4-124c to 4-124f, inclusive, 4-124h, 4-124m, 4-124o,
 2335 8-31a, 8-32a, 8-33a, 8-34a, 8-36a, 8-37a and 8-37b of the general statutes
 2336 are repealed. (Effective January 1, 2015)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16a-4c
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-66k
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	4-124q
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	4-124s
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	2-79a(a)
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124i
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124j
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124l
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-124u
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4-230(10)
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4b-24a
Sec. 13	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	4d-90
Sec. 14	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	5-259(a)
Sec. 15	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	5-259(i)
Sec. 16	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-130w
Sec. 17	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-136e
Sec. 18	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-391
Sec. 19	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-425(1) to (3)
Sec. 20	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-427(a)
Sec. 21	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-452(1) to (4)
Sec. 22	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-465
Sec. 23	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	7-479
Sec. 24	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-2j(e)
Sec. 25	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-3b
Sec. 26	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-23(g)(4)
Sec. 27	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-26b
Sec. 28	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-35a
Sec. 29	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	8-35e

Sec. 30	January 1, 2015	8-37u(a)
Sec. 31	January 1, 2015	8-163(f)
Sec. 32	January 1, 2015	8-165
Sec. 33	January 1, 2015	8-191
Sec. 34	January 1, 2015	8-206(c)
Sec. 35	January 1, 2015	8-385(b)
Sec. 36	January 1, 2015	12-81(77)
Sec. 37	January 1, 2015	13b-16b(b)
Sec. 38	January 1, 2015	13b-31a
Sec. 39	January 1, 2015	13b-57d(a)(5)
Sec. 40	January 1, 2015	13b-78l
Sec. 41	January 1, 2015	13b-79p(f)
Sec. 42	January 1, 2015	16-243z
Sec. 43	January 1, 2015	16a-4a
Sec. 44	January 1, 2015	22-26j
Sec. 45	January 1, 2015	22a-134l
Sec. 46	January 1, 2015	22a-134m
Sec. 47	January 1, 2015	22a-134n(a)
Sec. 48	January 1, 2015	22a-134o(a)
Sec. 49	January 1, 2015	22a-223
Sec. 50	January 1, 2015	22a-353
Sec. 51	January 1, 2015	23-101(b)
Sec. 52	January 1, 2015	25-68j(1)
Sec. 53	January 1, 2015	25-204(e)
Sec. 54	January 1, 2015	32-1c(b)
Sec. 55	January 1, 2015	32-7(a)
Sec. 56	January 1, 2015	32-23d(p)
Sec. 57	January 1, 2015	32-23e
Sec. 58	January 1, 2015	32-222(h)
Sec. 59	January 1, 2015	32-224(b) and (c)
Sec. 60	January 1, 2015	32-327(2)
Sec. 61	January 1, 2015	4-124p
Sec. 62	January 1, 2015	New section
Sec. 63	January 1, 2015	16a-4c
Sec. 64	January 1, 2015	16a-4
Sec. 65	January 1, 2015	16a-6
Sec. 66	January 1, 2015	16a-14
Sec. 67	January 1, 2015	22a-285a(a)
Sec. 68	January 1, 2015	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate regional planning agencies and regional councils of elected officials by January 1, 2015, and to replace such agencies and councils with eight regional councils of governments; to require the Northeastern Region Council of Governments to develop a pilot program to address the human services needs of the region; to require the Capital Region Council of Governments to develop a pilot program to improve services and cost-efficiency in the region; and to require the Valley Council of Governments to develop a pilot program to transfer administration of the HUD Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program for the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton to such council.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]